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# On your marks: record grades trigger the race for places

JUDITH JUDD Education Editor

Universities were last night snapping up students after a record A-level pass-rate.

They had confirmed offers for more than 150,000 of the 290,000 available places, sigthe nificantly more than at the same time last year.

This means that there may be fewer places in clearing than last year because more students will have made the grade. The A-level pass-rate is up by 1.8 percentage points, one of the biggest increases in the last seven years.

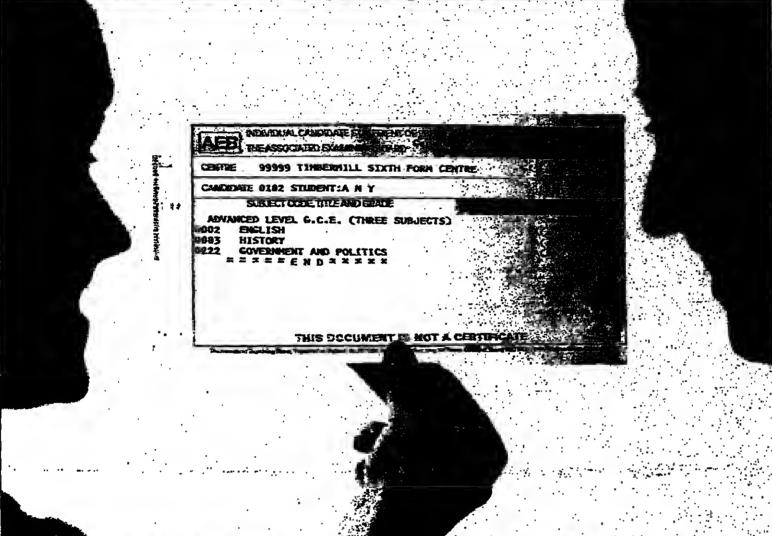
But university admissions officers said students should not panic. Tony Higgins, chief ex-ecutive of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, said: "If we go on at this rate. there will he fewer places in clearing, but that doesn't mean there will be greater pressure because there will be fewer people chasing them."

Candidates who have just missed their offers may have a better than usual chance of A gaining places. Courses which might have gone into clearing, through which spare places are allocated to students who have not gnt into university, will have fewer places to fill and may decide instead to recruit the next few students down their list.

Universities said there was no danger that the improved passrate would mean they overshot their targets. A spokesman for the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals said: "If English, you can always tell the engineers to take fewer."

However that meant there might be fewer places in clearing nn the less popular courses, he added.

Universities are under more pressure than usual to recruit students because of govern-ment cuts in higher education funding. They stand to lose



you recruit too many people in Don't panic: Candidates who have just missed the grades asked for by

their targets.

The annual row over standards erupted yesterday, fuelled by the traditionalists' conviction that the modular exams are easier to pass than those which depend on a final

The pass-rate for modular ex-

money if they do not meet ams, a series of tests throughout the course with an exam at the end, was higher than for the traditional exams, though a higher proportion of candidates were awarded A grades in the latter.

However, exam hoards em-phasised that modular courses motivated students and that

both types of exam were marked according to the same standard. Kathleen Tattersall, convenor of the joint forum for the GCE and GCSE exams, said: "Modular schemes have enabled candidates to exercise

the grade."
Lord Healey, the schools

minister, defended the exam and congratulated candidates nn their hard work. "We're not complacent about standards and are determined that public choice and to opitmise their at-tainment but it is the quality of work alone which determines carminations earn and retain their national currency. We must not fall into the trap of

thinking that if results improve, standards must be at risk." Bryan Davies, a Labour education sookesman, said that "a proper concern for standards should take nothing away from the achievments of students on

this important day." He called for an inquiry into whether we needed five exam

mocrats said there should be one united board.

Sir Rhodes Boyson, former Conservative education minister, said the figures showing an improved pass-rate were mean-ingless. Modular exams, he said, were "like a Caucus race, you start when you like, you stop when you like and everyone gets

prize On the improvement m standards, he said: "I am not knocking the children. They do work harder but if the figures are to be believed, the brains of our people are increasing at such an nazing rate that we should be

able to invade outer space." He proposed a new scholarship exam for the top 12 universities, with everyone else taking another exam.

The Association of University leachers believes that A-levels fail to prepare students for university courses: "Strong anecdotal evidence Indicates an increasing mismatch between what A-level students achieve and what is needed for university courses

But David Hart, general sec-retary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said allegations that standards were

falling were poppycock. "Paced with clear evidence of a rise in attainment levels, the propets of doom have atupted to attack modular examinations as 'proof' of a decline in standards. But there is no such evidence.

Steve Sinnout, deputy general secretary of the National dents and teachers would appreciate at least one year when their efforts were not undermined by a small, politically motivated group denigrating their achievments. It is time that this nasty little group stopped and allowed our young people to en-

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#### Clearing lists start Monday

The Independent and the Independent on Sunday will again this year be the ONLY papers to run all the official Ucas lists of university and college vacan

f you have just received your results, and you're ooking for a place, then you will need The Independent next Monday 19 August), when the first lists will be published.

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#### **Turks** shoot **Cypriot** marcher

TONY BARBER Europe Editor

Security forces in Turkish-oc-cupied northern Cyprus shot dead a Greek-Cypriot demonstrator and wounded two British peace-keepers yesterday in one of the worst days of vi-olence since the 1974 Turkish invasion, Costas Simitis, Greece's Prime Minister, denounced the killing as "a criminal act by the occupying forces of Cyprus". The soldiers, serving with

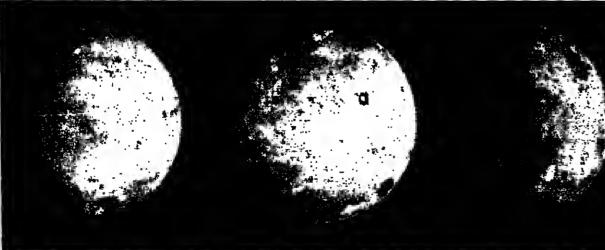
the 39th Regiment Royal Artillery as part of a United Nations force, were said not to be in serious condition.

The violence began when 250 Greek Cypriots stormed into the UN-patrolled zone dividing the Turkish-controlled northern one-third of Cyprus from the Greek-Cypriot south. The demonstrators had attended the nearby funeral in eastern Cyprus of Tasos Isaac. 24, a Greek Cypriot clubbed to death in the buffer zone on Sunday by men in civilian clothes from the Turkish side.

The man killed vesterday was Solomos Solomos, 26, a cousin of Isaac. He was shot in the neck as he tried to haul down a Turkish Cypriot flag from a sentry post on the edge of the Turkish-Cypriot lines. The rise in tension has set

back efforts to make a fresh start at solving the Cyprus problem. The island has been divided since the Turkish army launched an invasion in July 1974 in response to a Greek-sponsored coup in Nicosia by supporters

# Scientists divine water by the light of a Jupiter moon



Heavenly sphere: Volcanic eruptions show up on the surface of in, one of Jupiter's moons

**CHARLES ARTHUR** Science Editor

Might there he life in yet another part of the solar system? After last week's suggestion that water an Mars could once have played host to early life forms, scientists were vesterday absorbing the news that the frozen crust of Europa - a moon of the planet Jupiter - may hide icy slush or even water, the fundamental ingredient of life.

New images taken by the Galileo spacecraft just 96,000 miles away from Europa show dark spots no its surface which could have been created by

"It's really exciting," said Ronald Greeley, a geology professor at the Arizona State University, "We're seeing evidence of a lot of geological activity." He described the Earth, it could have been

surface as resembling "ice floes

on polar seas on Earth". Gnileo also sent hack pictures of a volcano on another of Jupiter's moons, in, spewing a glowing blue plume of sulphur dioxide 60 miles into space - far further than any Earth volcano. This also offers evidence

that the moons of Jupiter could he geologically active enough to create the conditions in which life could arise. The presence of slush on Europa - where the surface temperature is estimated to

be -145C - would add weight

to the argument that the satel-

lite, which is about the same size as the Earth's moon, is not frozen solid, but has water under an icy layer only n few miles thick. Despite being five times further from the Sun than the

warmed by tidal forces that are an intriguing possibility, and created as it orbits Jupiter, another step in our quest to the largest planet orbiting the

The more geologically active Europa turns out to be, the more likely it is to have environmental niches that could barbour life, said Pro

Scientists hope that better pictures will emerge after December, when Galileo will pass within 370 miles of Europa's surface.

Daniel Goldin, head of the US space agency Nasa, called the images "exciting and compelling" but said he greeted the idea of life on the icy moon with "sceptical optimism".
"We're not going in jump the gun," be said. "These pictures

do not prove the existence of liquid water on Europa." But he said "the potential is

Picture sequence: Galileo/Nasa

explore the solar system, the

stars, and the answer to the

great mystery of whether life exists anywhere else in the cosmos" The volcanic activity on Io is very different from that on Earth, said Dr Torrence Johnson of Nasa.

Terrestrial emptions cannot throw materials to such high altitudes. We believe that on lo we are seeing geyser-like eruptions that are driven by sulphor dioxide or sulphur gas that erupts and freezes in lo's extremely tenuous atmos-

#### QUICKLY

Little wonder A senior psychologist claims to-day's children are more likely to spend their early years glued to computer games than roaming around outdoors with friends, and are being robbed of a "sense of wonder". Page 3

Vicar remembered pictures at the spot where the Rev Christopher Gray, 32, was stabled to death beside his church in Liverpool, while his parents remembered their son's courageous disregard for the

risks facing clergy. Page 4 Gunman gets life

The law on firearms was again shown to be fatally flawed, when a man without a gun licence who was able to buy two pistols which be used to murder one woman and shoot three others, was given four life sentences at the Old Bailey.

Liffe trader fined

A top trader on the London International Financial Futures Exchange has been fined for us-ing "foul, abusive and embarrassing" language against a member of staff. He was previnusly fined for the racial abuse of a black trader

TWA crash theory

US investigators believe two separate explosions doomed TWA Flight 800 on 17 July, killing all 230 passengers and are searching for a "fingerprint" to determine whether the first blast was caused by a bound in the passenger cabin. Page 11

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# Labour cracks the whip on MPs



**ANTHONY BEVINS** Political Editor

In a dramatic crack of the whip, Labour MPs were warned last night that if Tony Blair becomes Prime Minister, they will be expected to work longer and harder at Westminster, toe the government line in all votes and end the sniping and

hackbiting. Nick Brown, Deputy Chief Whip, said in an interview with the Independent that lovalty and unity would be the basic requirement - and every Labour VIP would be elected on that basis. Laying down a law that will displease his more cantankerous colleagues, he said: "The election is fought by national political parties and the role of the individual, although important.

maintain enough numbers in the ers - Mr Brown was scathingly Commons to fend off ambushoutspoken about Labour MPs es by the Tory opposition. At the moment, he said,

there was a tendency for Labour MPs to go back to their constituencies on Thursdays, so they would be in place for their "constituency Fridays". Departures on Thursdays could be at risk if a Labour government majority was threatened by Tory guerrilla tactics. "It would be a grotesque be-trayal of everybody that has not

only worked so hard, but also

pulled back their differences Labour Party and from the party and personal views in order to itself, ensuring the loss of his or make the unity so necessary for a Labour victory, if we botched "They would risk expulsion it up by taking an evening off, or from whatever I could get them

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who abused their position by

attacking frontbench colleagues on a non-attributable basis.

Citing an example, he said that if he could prove who had

party." On that basis it would be the duty of MPs to sustain their government—and that meant a dwell on sanctions that might be sist that the whips would be day-to-day requirement to taken against rebels - or slack- even-handed. They would be just as robust with unidentified "leadership sources" who who leaked embarrassing mabriefed against colleagues. terial, and leadership sources

In an evident reference to the fate of Clare Short, he said: "Imagine how demoralising it must be for members of the Shadow Cabinet, doing a perfectly good job, who, comtaped a recent confidential manding the support of their backbench meeting with Mr parliamentary colleagues, read Blair, then leaking verbatim quotes to a malign Tory tabloid that they are out of favour with the leadership, or believed to newspaper, he would do all in have botched this up, or not to his power to have the culprit ex-pelled from the Parliamentary have done that well. "Imagine how destructive that

is of the essential unity of the party, which is an absolute prerequisite in sustaining a Labour government, and yet it is said to be the leadership view.

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Clare Short: Wins sympathy

New-style exams reduce chances of top grade



Success in store: Marked A-level papers at the University of Surrey Photograph: Philip Meech

**GOUL HUGUL** Education Editor '

Examination candidates' chances of getting A grades at A-level appear to be less if they take new modular courses than if they take a single final exam, according to the exam results published yesterday.

Figures released by the exam boards show that in Biology, Physics and Chemistry a higher percentage of those taking traditional exams gained A grades. Only in Maths was the proportion of A grades higher in the new courses.

In Chemistry and Physics, there was also a slightly higher percentage of students getting

However, figures for the four

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subjects show that the overall ries of tests throughout their two-year course plus a final

Earlier research from Newcastle University suggested that modular exams belped students to secure a grade higher than they would have done in a conventional exam.

Yesterday exam boards were at pains to emphasise that there was no difference in standard between the two types of

examination. More than half the candidates took modular courses in Maths and Chemistry, about half in Biology and just under

half in Physics. Some English courses are

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also modular and these exams pass-rate is higher for modular are due to be taken over the courses, in which pupils sit a senext two years in a growing number of subjects.

The proportion of A grades rose less than in previous years. It went up by 0.4 per cent to 16 per cent compared with 0.8 per cent last year and 0.9 per cent the year before.

Entries for Physics and Chemistry continued to decline, but those for Maths showed a rise.

Subjects with higher entries included General Studies, Business Studies, Psychology and Computing. In Economics and Classics the entry continued to

Overall, the number of entries increased by a total of 1.2 per cent.

TODAY'S FORECAST: Cloudy and demp is northern Soutland with occasional rais and a brisk wind, atthough sheltaned northeastern regions will have some bright weather. Central and southern Soutland, and National will have a bright and fairly warm day. Meetwalle England and Wales will have plenty of warm smakins this affection, but patches of what and low cloud will spell the moraing in some central and existen regions.

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# SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

A new register is to be set up to stop "cowboy"

A operators with criminal records working as security guards, the Government proposed yesterday. An independent agency is to be established to yet the estimated

independent agency is to be established to vet the estimated 49,000 private guards currently employed in this country.

The plan follows evidence that criminals are operating in the unregulated and booming security industry. Two new offences of employing an unlicensed guard and working without a licence or proper clearance were also proposed by without a licence or proper clearance were also proposed by the Home Office. Chief Superintendent Brian Mackenzie, President of the Police Superintendents' Association, said:

"We have long complained about the number of people with We have long complained about the number of people with criminal records working in the security industry. Such people create a false sense of security and should be banned from such employment." Jason Bennetto

The Advertising Standards Authority is looking into complaints about the Conservatives' "demonic" advertisement using an image of Tony Blair. The industry watchdog had received "about half a dozen inquiries" from members of the public who felt the advert was offensive, ASA Director of Communications Caroline Crawford said.

The ASA will be considering if the poster breaches the The ASA will be considering if the poster breaches the British Code of Advertising and Sales Promotion which covers protection of privacy. Advertisers must obtain permission from people in the public eye, such as politicians, if they are to be portrayed in an advert in an "offensive or adverse" way. It will be up to the Tories' advertising agency M&C Saatchi, who devised the poster, to demonstrate that they have kept within the Code. If it finds that there has been a breach, the authority can effectively order the poster to be withdrawn. order the poster to be withdrawn.

Oil giant Shell has revealed plans from 19 large engineering and offshore consortia to dispose of its controversial Brent Spar platform. A Dutch group proposes to turn the 400h, floating oil storage buoy – now moored in a Norwegian fjord – into an "ecofriendly floating power station" with three large windmills on top and wave power

From Belgium comes a plan to dig a trench 100ft deep on the seabed and bury the Brent Spar, while another Dutch proposal envisages turning it into gigantic tanks for an oil refinery. Most proposals are for various ways of bringing the Spar to shore and breaking it up for scrap. Shell will choose a shortlist around the end of the year. Nicholas Schoon

Scientists have discovered an "eat-all-you-want"

gene – for mice, at least. By disabling a gene called

RIIB, they produced mice which stayed lean despite being
fed a high-fat diet, and were also protected against liver
damage. The new research, published today in the science
journal Nature, could lead to anti-obesity drugs for humans.

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that encode an enzyme called PKA, known to be involved in regulating metabolic rate. Researchers, from the University of Washington, Seattle, concluded: "RIIB could also provide a target for anti-obesity drugs." Charles Arthur

the new edition of the Oxford English Dictionary. Its "Better English Guide" section says the over-zealous use of PC terms can cause confusion and embarrasment.

The guide states that it seems reasonable to substitute

"flight attendant" for "stewardess" and "chairperson" for "chairman" to avoid sexism. But it adds that to try to change words such as "manhandle" or "manhole" is ridiculous. It continues: "Extreme proposals, such as substituting herstory for history, have no place outside specifically feminist writing." The Pocket Oxford Dictionary has sold more than 3 million copies since it was first published in 1924.

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### Postal dispute takes strike rate to highest for 6 years

STEVE BOGGAN

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A fifth one-day strike by postal workers yesterday brought mail deliveries to a standstill as new figures showed a huge increase in the number of working days lost in Britain to industrial action. The dispute has contributed to figures which show 228,000 days were lost in June. the highest monthly figure since March 1990.

Despite appearing to be no more than a hair's breadth from agreement, both sides in the postal dispute stood their ground, with management claiming that more employees turned up for work than during the last one-day strike, and the union claiming it had a stran-glehold on deliveries.

The Communication Workers' Union and management have agreed on seven elements of an eight-point deal after lengthy negotiations at Acas. But the union's executive refuses to agree to management plans to introduce "teamworking", in which groups of workers take more responsibility for

deliveries in specified areas. A spokesman for the union said the teamworking propos-

als were vague and untested. However, he added: "We do agree that change is needed, but we want to get back to the table and talk about it. We believe teamworking has real flaws, which will result in more responsibility and stress for people who, in some cases, are already working a six-day week for a basic wage of less than £10,000 a year.

Ironically, the Royal Mail appeared to agree. A spokes-Acas recognised that both sides needed to talk further about this. We don't have any hard and fast ideas about teamworking other than it will result in more flexibility and will give employees more control over what they do. We would like to talk further about it so

we can get it right." The Royal Mail claimed more than 18,000 people turned up for work by the end of the day shift. A spokesperson said: "This demonstrates a drift back to work and a weakening of the industrial action".

It said two of its mechanised letter offices (MLOs), in Cambridge and Darlington, and a regional distribution centre, in the East Midlands, were working. The union countered that a greater number of MLOs -82

There is no point them going on about how many peo-ple turned up for work," said a union spokesman. "We don't accept their figures, but even if we did, all it means is that they are paying people to do nothing because there are no mail deliveries."

The union has gained pay rises for its members of between 5 and 15 per cent. But unless agreement over teamworking can be reached, it said one-day strikes would go ahead on 22 and 30 August and on 2 September. The postal dispute is one of several which pushed the number of lost working days to the highest level since 1990. Disputes on London Underground and at the Benefits Agency contributed to the lost days.

Only 278,000 days were lost to industrial action in the whole of 1994, the lowest number since records began. However, the latest figures amount to only a fraction of the unrest in 1979, before Margaret Thatcher came to power, when 29.5 million days

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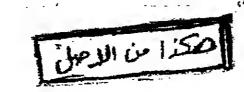
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Age of computers has robbed children of their fascination with toys, report says



# The loss of our innocence

Once upon a time, children pored over elaborate toy train sets, fortified camps in remote woods, played kiss-chase, tag and hopscotch in the streets and returned home in a heap to get stuck into Swallows and Amazons. In a single generation that age of innocence seems to have been entirely lost.

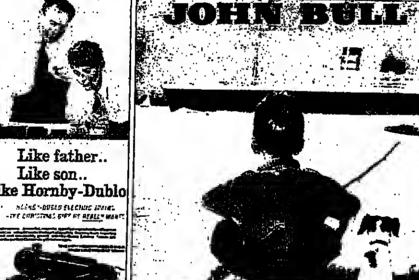
Today's children, who are more likely to spend their early years holed up at home glued to the screens of their Sega Mega Drive than roaming around outdoors with friends, are being robbed of a "sense of wonder", according to a senior child psychologist. Parents are too afraid to let them run loose and instead plough millions of pounds into the games industry

by way of an apology.

Sales of toys and games are up by 31% in the last five years and are set to increase by another 29% by the turn of the ceotury, according to a new study by the international market research company, Euromonitor.

Professor Elizabeth Newson, head of the child psychology unit at Nottingham University, explained the booming toy busi-ness: "We think: 'How can I make up to them for the way they can't do the things I did which were free and easy and

exciting?' "
Furthermore, this new-look childhood is over almost before it has begun. Many toy manufacturers are now putting the end of the "toy age" as early as 10 because children have grown 10 because children have grown up and out of toys by the time count for the worldwide stag-



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Wonder years: Only a generation ago, children played with train sets, went fishing or roamed the countryside in search of Famous Five-style adventures. Now they are more likely to battle with sophisticated video games than with the elements

they reach double figures. The nation in the outdoor games market, the study suggests.

Meanwhile, UK sales of elecindustry dubs the phenomenon of children's more sophisticated tastes "KGOY" or "Kids Growing Older Younger". tronic games have risen by 49% during the same period. But The Euromonitor study even video games - which ac-count for more than 30% of the shows how there has been a shift away from outdoor, communal total value of toys sold worldpursuits towards indoor, solitary wide - are perceived mainly as a kind of "toy" and, outside Japan, are unlikely to be used ooes. UK sales in outdoor mes such as swings and climbing frames fell by 12.5% between 1991 and 1995. Increasing "urbanisation" of chilby young adults, says Eu-

dren in affluent countries and the shortage of safe open spaces and an ability to "rough it", be-

The combined effect of growing up and out of toys by the age of 10, plus the emphasis on playing indoors means that children fail to develop independence manage without things."

"Childreo must get more of a sense of achievement when they've battled with the ele-

ments than when they've won on a computer game," she said. "Something has been lost and I don't know how you make up for it. Whether you could, even, given that children aren't allowed to go out and do things themselves anymore. I think we're bringing up a set of people who expect an awful lot m the sense of consumer gifts and don't expect to be able to

Joo Salisbury, editor and publisher of the magazine UK Toy News, said: "Children are playing with Barbie Dolls and Actino Toys at the age of two.

Some stay younger a bit Innger but particularly in the case of second and third children, the pre-school age is almost over by one-and-a-half - basically as soon as they can walk." Mr Salisbury poiots the fin-ger at fashion. If you asked my five-year-old daughter whether she wanted a lipstick, a crop top or a Barbie, it would be a close

call," he said, "And I don't

think she's atypical either."

Illustrations: Advertising Archives

Girls have a harder time of it than boys, he believes. "They areo't able to play nut their fantasies io the way boys can once they become teenagers. There is pressure on them to act like women. They're not going to look pretty with a toy, are they? But bots can keep playing well into their adulthood - as my wife would say. The whole issue here is marketing to children. Toys have oever been more than a mirror of real life."

But Professor Newson, whn owns a traditional toy shop, says she feels it is the boys who are sold short. "It's very difficult to find toys for boys after the age nf eight. They used to want better and better train lay-outs, but that no longer seems in be the

Professor Jeffrey Goldstein, an expert in children's play who lectures to psychology at the University of Utrecht, in Holland, and advises toy manufacturers, agrees that toys are hut a mirror of life. "Kids are doing what they've always done: copying what's around them and preparing themselves for what they see as their potential future. They know we use computers and faxes and so do the

"The whole of childhood is devoted to questions of inde-peodence, identity and friendship. Everything is put to that service. Children use the opportunities we offer them. In this age, children use computers to help them decide what sort of person they are. When I was a kid it was daring: walking on a wall or climbing a tree. Now kids do it by having a high score on a video game or something with technology because that's what we've given them. For better or worse, we breed children like us."

Penelope Leach, child de-velopment expert and best-selling author on parenting, said it was a mistake for pareots to hark back to some kind of guldeo age.

"In some ways it would be said if a child didn't have its face lit up with a humming top any more, but we need a mixture. We didn't have things like video games - and they give a lot of

## Shops selling beef dressed as lamb

Shoppers are being sold beef dressed up as lamh in the wake of the BSE scare, environmental health officers have discovered, and the Government was yesterday urged to help fund a nationwide survey of meat products,

Council officers from the Borough of Hounslow in west London found packets of lamb mince which included up to 111 per cent beef during a fourmonth investigation of butchers' shops and supermarkets, according to a report released yestenday. Out of ten packets of lamh mince bought by investigators, six were found by serentists to contain between 2 per cent and It) per cent beet.

The borough mounted the cheeks, which were carried our between April and July, because inspectors were concerned that suppliers, hit by falling beef prices as a result of the BSE scare, might be putting hard-tosell beef into other meat products, misleading customers who wanted to avoid buying beef. Sales have slumped by up to 50 per cent due to the BSE crisis. Councillor Bob Whatley, chair of Hounslow's environmental services, said: "We feel there needs to be a nationwide

spread the problem is." In a separate investigation in Bath, Avon, trading standards officials collected samples of fresh lamb mince and found that some contained more than five per cent beef.

investigation to see how wide-

One "rogue" batch came from a major supermarket chain but trading standard officers refused to name the chain

pending further investigations. A Hounslow council spokeswoman said that more cases of beef being sold as lamb could be found - but at £200 for each test the procedure was expen-sive. She added: "We would like the Government to offer help to local authorities to allow a nationwide survey to take place. We are convinced that beef is finding its way into other meat

products." Hounslow's investigations are continuing, to find out where the rogue beef mince came from and why such large quantities of it were contained in the packs of lamb mince. One local butcher has already admitted he had not cleaned his mincer properly after mineing beef, and has been cautioned.

Aogela Browning, the food minister, insisted: "At first sight, (the investigation) does not require a Government scheme. adding that any inspection would be for trading standards officers to carry out.

Mrs Browning was in south London visiting the 8,000th in-dependent butcher to sign up to a Meat and Livestock Commission guarantee scheme for mineed heef, which was launched to hoost confidence as a result of the BSE scare. She said beef and tamb were mixed because mineing machines were not properly cleaned.

Mr Alan Street, chief execu-

tive of the Institute of Trading Standards, said every authority had a duty to enforce the law, but that testing was expensive. He supported the setting up of a government-run food agency to distribute funds for a specific testing programme.

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Murdered cleric: Shock caused by killing of a priest outside his church underlines the physical danger facing inner-city clergy





Courage of the vicar who could never say no

REBECCA FOWLER

As tearful schoolchildren laid flowers and pictures at the spot where the Rev Christopher Gray, 32, was brutally stabbed to death beside his modern brick church in Liverpool, his parents yesterday recalled their son's courageous disregard for the growing risks facing clergy

Dr Philip Gray, 63, a retired GP from Portsmouth, described how his son, a brilliant scholar with a great future in the Church, had no other ambition than to work among the most

He said: "It was a measure of his character that he chose to shelter us from full knowledge of the risks he was taking ... there was nothing we could do to lessen it any way. He'd chosen to accept those risks and we had to accept his decisioo."

Mr Gray, who was ordained in Liverpool three years ago, was stabbed through the heart early on Tuesday outside his home when he returned to St

Margaret's vicarage in Anfield shortly after midnight.

The police are holding Terence Storey, aged 31. Mr Gray had been helping him since he was receotly released from Melton Prison Waltoo Prison.

For the Church of England, nothing could more tragically sum up the increasing pressure on clergy than the death of Mr Gray, who was among the most promising priests of his geoer-ation. He was a "rising star" who combined scholarship with a simple love of people.

Dr Gray said: "He was

different things to different people. To the parishioners and friends of St Margaret's he was a well loved priest ... to the

'At the end of the day it's about your own survival, but for Chris, at the end, it wasn't'

academic community he was a scholar of high repute with a First Class honours degree in Classics from Oxford and two post-graduate degrees, ooe in philosophy, ooe in theology."

He added: "In spite of his

academic ability he never lost his commoo touch with people from all walks of life. Anyone could talk to him as a friend ... Chris had no amhitioo in the Church, and was willing to go where he was seot and do what he was asked to do."

The news of Mr Gray's death was broken to his parents while they were on a walking holiday in Northumbria. His mother, Dr Margaret Gray, 64, also a retired GP, said yesterday: "He was an extraordinary son, and I adored him."

It also emerged yesterday that Mr Gray had been held hostage at knifepomt two years ago, while he was working in another Merseyside parish.

At St Margaret's there was a constant flow of children and their pareots laying tributes with simple ootes, which in-cluded: "We will miss you so very much", and a simple drawing in felt-tip pen of a smiling at the end, it wasn't."

priest.

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Marian Blackburn, 15, who went on a youth trip to the Czech republic with Mr Gray last year, said: "He wanted the hest for everybody, he loved everybody. You could tell, just from the way he talked to peo-ple, eveo if he didn't know them at all. We just couldn't believe what's happened."

Mr Gray's death has also been received with shock by the clergy. Many sense they have become more vulnerable in recent years, while struggling to maintain an open-door policy to those in need. Yet many priests, like Mr Gray, remain determined to work among the most socially deprived and chailenged communities.
The Rev David Gavin, 33.

moved to St Cleopas Church, in Toxieth, a year ago, with his wife and son. He said: "I'm really enjoying life here. The amount of life you hit face-oo makes it very interesting. Like Chris, I came from a fairly well-off background and maybe that draws you into the inner cities."

But he added: "Although I hope this case is an horreodous one-off, it is true that there's been an increase in violence, and that there's a sense clergy are oo longer people you'd oever have a go at."
Mr Gavin's family has felt vul-

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oerable oo occasions, and his wife has become reluctant to invite visitors in to wait for her husband in the evenings wheo he is oot at home. Mr Gavin said: "There's been

a change in the way clergy are trained. We're taught to be a bit more aware of potential problems - drugs, and people making accusations against you."
"But you're in a joh where,

ultimately, you are trying to meet people's needs. Sometimes yoo to have to bend the rules, and that will always make you vulnerable."

The Rev David Lewis, 48, dean of North Liverpool, where Mr Gray was a priest, described how he experienced violence

spilling over into clerical life. He said: "Society has changed and things we would ooce have done without thinking about them, we are oow more oervous of. We are making judgments all the time oo whether it's safe to open the

door to someone late at night." Mr Lewis was threateoed ooce by a man in his study demanding mooey for a train fare to Scotland. Another visitor leaned oo his doorbell for an hour, demanding money.

He said: "At the end of the day it's aboot your own survival and I suppose the remarkable thing about Chris is that for him,

## The Christian soldier confronts a violent world

The clergy of the Church of England have traditionally relied on courage and innocence to protect them against the dangerous world in which they work. But oow they are asking if a new professionalism is in or-der in the wake of murder of the Rev Chris Gray and the hatchet attack in Walsall on the Rev Nduna Mpunzi. He is to have

brain surgery.
The diocese of Lichfield, in which Mr Mpunzi serves, has or-ganised a one-day conference oo clergy safety in November. But a spokesman said that this was not prompted by any geo-eral anxiety: it followed on from conferences about church security. Theft costs the Church of England around £6m a year. The diocese of Lichfield, which recorded 19 incidents of theft or vandalism in 1980, now has more than 300 a year.

Many churches, even in rural areas, are oow closed except for services. "I have just opened my church after 16 years in which it was locked except at services." a vicar in London said. We can only do this because we have a rota of volunteers from the parish watching for theft or arson. But their average age is 70, so I do worry. After these attacks, I am not sure it is safe for them.'

The diocese of Loodoo earlier this year advised priests to consider abandoning their traditional policy of welcoming almost everyone who comes to their door. Yet this will oot stop

**Andrew Brown** on the clergy's stance in the face of rising attacks

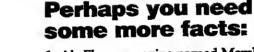
the wretched and homeless coming. They know, as the priests dn, that a professional Christian cannot easily turn away someone whom the rest of the world has rejected.

The Rev Rob Marshall, priest in charge of St Augustine's, Queensgate, west Loodon, said ate, west Loodon, said that last week he was woken twice after midnight by homeless men wanting shelter in the vicarage, one just out of a men-tal hospital. Both he refused, partly because he was worried for his children, asleep in the

The Rev Adrian Beojamin, rector of All Saints in Frierri Barnet, oorth Londoo, said: "I don't know what you do with somebody at midnight in your vicarage. In this job you do keep odd hours and meet all sorts of people. They do get very cross wheo you turn them away. You say, T'm sorry, oo mooey' and they go hack up the drive huri-ing abuse — but not knives."

Fr Beojamin, like most of the priests the *Independent* talked to, made the point that the clergy are ofteo the only middleclass people living in areas of considerable deprivation, which can make them the focus of considerable hostility.





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## Porkers in the shower bring home the bacon

CHARLIE BAIN

The perfect present is here for the pig who has every-thing: the snout-operated en-suite shower. The Pig Cooler is being offered to British farmers to keep hat and bothered pigs in the pink. Warm weather is anothe-

ma to pigs. It reduces the sperm count in boars, canses stress in sows and makes all pigs feel unlike pigging out. Keeping our porcine friends cool is essential for farmers; it not only makes for a bet-ter-tempered kind of pig. but

a nicer tasting one too.
The Pig Cooler is a stainless steel box containing a sprinkler attached to the sty wall. All the pig has to do is nudge it with its snout and a cool jet of water drenches it.

"Pigs are very similar to humans in that during the hnt summer months they lose their appetite and become bad-tempered in the heat," said Mr Mark Harding, who has spent over a year develnping the new Pig Cooler.
This is made worse by the

fact that pigs can't sweat and have to rely on respiration and evaporation to lose heat.

"An unhappy pig, which won't breed or eat the optimum amount of food that is required for it to grow, can be a major financial setback for the farmer."

Research carried out by manufacturers Quality
Equipment showed that less than 15 per cent of pig farmers have a dedicated watercooling system, and those who do rely on a "centralised" pipe-work system that creates a mist of water, often increasing humidity levels in indoor pens.

"Many existing systems operate on a timer, spraying the pig in water when they may not want to cool down. which can irritate them further," said Mr Harding. "However, this device gives the pig control over their own

Suffolk farmer Philip Greenacre, for one, is delighted: "After all, a happy pig at the end of the day is going to



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And pigs might dry: One of farmer Phillip Greenacre's lot tests out the new Pig Cooler Photograph: Jason Mitchell

## Milk from cows fed on bracken 'carcinogenic'

**CHARLES ARTHUR** Science Editor

Cows that eat bracken produce milk containing a potent carcinogen absorbed from the plant, according to new scientific research.

The carcinogen, ptaquilo-side, would not be destroyed by pasteurisation, according to one expert. It is well known for its ability to cause tumours by damage to DNA, the basic genetic material of all cells. Now a team of scientists in New Zealand and Venezuela has discovered that almost 10 per cent of the chemical eaten by cows is passed on in milk, a fact the team calls a "cause for concern".

The team suggests that ptaquiloside in milk is "certainly likely" to be responsible for the level of stomach cancer found in farmers in Costa Rica and other Central American countries, where bracken is particularly dense.

Though cows in the UK do not normally eat bracken, they may do if there is a drought, if fields have been overgrazed, or if they wander into thickets. The National Farmers' Union said:

"Cows don't like to eat bracken, and farmers don't encourage its growth. Even in winter cows would be fed from winter stocks." But Alan Heyworth of the Bracken Advisory Commission said: "If the animals are in a field which has some fronds, it's obviously going to appen that they'll cat some.

The new research, published today in Nature, investigated the effects of feeding bracken to cows and discovered that ptaquiloside is still exercted in milk almost four days after feeding stops. Pasteurisation would be unlikely to affect the chemical, said Mr Heyworth: "If it survives getting through the cow's digestive system and blood, I don't think heat treat-ment would have any effect."

In the UK, the plant covers a total area equivalent to the size of Yorkshire. It is poisonous to animals which eat it, and its spores can be carcinogenic when fed to mice and guinea pigs. Although efforts are being made to destroy it using pesticides, European Union rules prevent spraying near watercourses - which can also be polluted by the plant.

# Mail-order murderer mocks gun law

**JASON BENNETTO** Crime Correspondent

The country's gun laws were again shown to be fatally flawed yesterday after it emerged that a man without a gun licence was able to buy two pistols, through a magazine, which he used to murder one woman and shoot three others.

A judge at the Old Bailey called for tighter restrictions on the sale of guns as he sentenced Richard Humphrey to four life sentences at the close of a case which has provided further ammunition for the anti-gun lobby. Sir Lawrence Verney, the

Recorder of London, described the ease with which Humphrey bought the weapons from Gun Mart magazine as "deplorable". He called for "those that have to make decisions" to take note of how Humphrey executed a



The ease with which Humphrey bought his guns from a magazine was 'deplorable'

mother of two, and tried to kill whree other strangers during

Street muggings.
His comments follow the furore caused earlier this week after Tory MPs on a House of Commons committee refused to recommend the banning of handguns in the wake to the Dunblane massacre. The Government has distanced itself from the MPs report, fuelling speculation that it is preparing to outlaw pistols and revolvers

in the autumn. Humphrey obtained his weapons by pretending to be a dealer and advertising pistols in Gun Mart. He persuaded a man who replied to the advert to send him his gun certificate by post as proof that he was legally entitled to own a firearm. He then used a copy of the certificate to assume the enthusiast's identity and buy two semi-automatic pistols, a 357 calibre Magnum and a .22 pistol,

advertised in the magazine. Homphrey mailed the gun dealer the stolen certificate and £230 in postal orders. In return he was sent the firearms and ammunition by courier.

The dealer became suspi-cious and tipped off the police, but when they arrived at Humphrey's address in Herne Hill, south London, they found an empty box, some of the ammunition, but no sign of the guns, or of Humphrey.

Police have since put their own advertisement in the magazine - warning dealers and enthusiasts to be on the alert.

Joanna Korner QC, prosecuting, told the jury: This case has provided the clearest possible demonstration of the ease with which it is possible for criminals to acquire firearms cer-tificates and, indeed, firearms."

Victoria Odususi, 36, wife of a Nigerian airline official, was executed in cold blood by Humphrey as she returned from church. She was found by her brother, dying near her home in Stockwell, south London.

"It was a wanton and crue killing, causing immense grief to a number of people," said the judge. He added it was fortunate that Humphrey was not facing a second murder charge after shooting down Wing Com-mander Peter Drissell in May last year. Humphrey and an-other man, Paul Ammah, had tried to mug the wing com-mander as he returned to his Clapham home from the Ministry of Defence. The RAF of-"miraculously survived" a hail of at least five bullets, four of which remain in his body.

Humphrey also tried to kill a passer-by, Carol Bell, who witnessed the mugging and threat-ened to call the police. She escaped injury. During a row with a man on the London Underground, Humphrey fired at the man's head. But Michael Perry, 23, put up his hand and the shot went into his forearm.

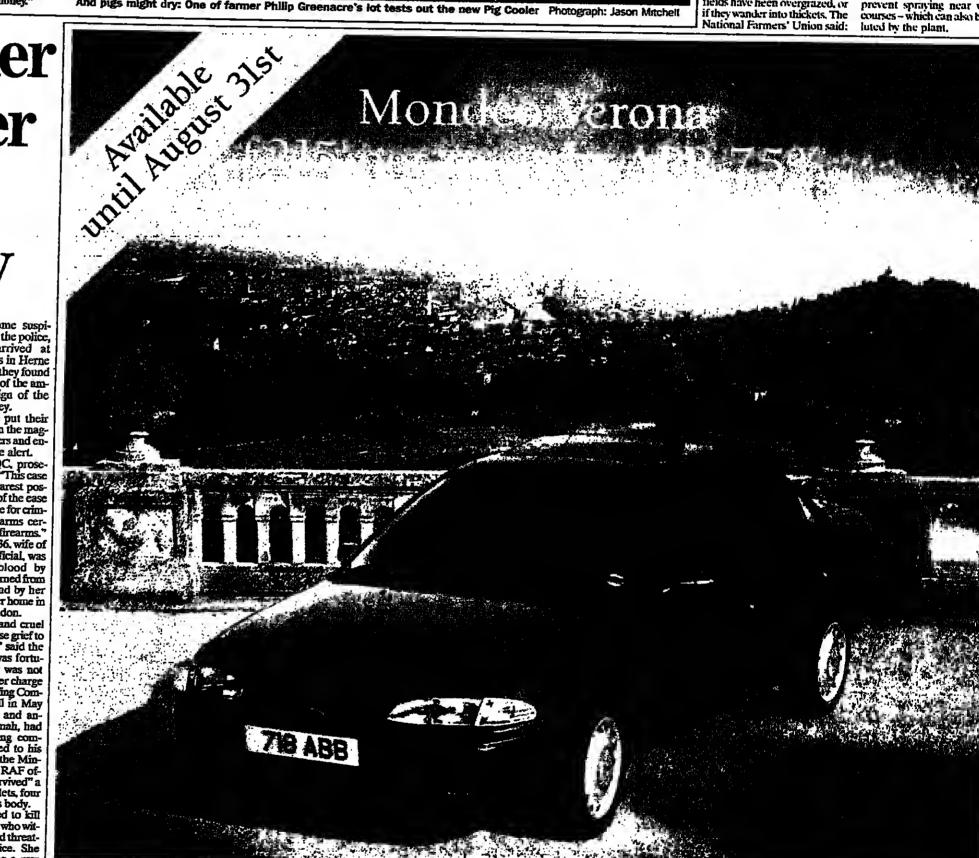
Humphrey earlier fired on another man whom he mugged in Stockwell. The shot was aimed at 20-year-old Mark Rogers' foot, but missed. Humphrey was also convicted of two robberies and firearms offences and was jailed for nine years on these, to run concur-rently. He denied all charges.

Humphrey called the jury of seven men and five women "senseless, racist bastards" after they convicted him.

As Humphrey was convicted, the Police Federation renewed its call for a ban on handguns. "This case exposes the weakness of the system," said its chairman, Fred Broughton. Instead of tinkering with the law, "a wholesale prohibition of handguns is the correct solution," he added. Humphrey's own counsel

joined the prosecution's concern

over existing firearms laws. Alan Newman QC, said: "I accept he must be punished for the dreadful crimes he has committed, but he must not be made a scapegoat for the failure of society to regulate its affairs by making it much harder for people like Humphrey to



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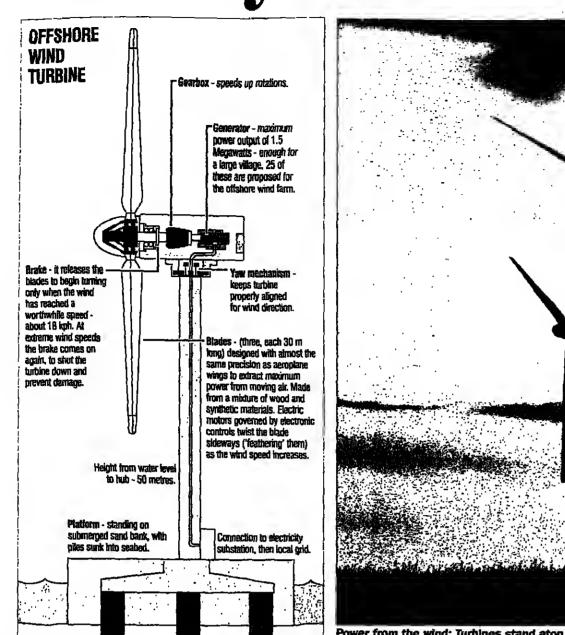
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# Breezy Britain reaps the whirlwind '





Power from the wind: Turbines stand atop a hill at Llandinam, Wales. Wind farms are close to being able to compete with fossil fuel energy sources Photograph: Steve Peaks

PowerGen is planning to build Britain's first offshore wind farm two miles off the Norfolk coast. If the complex of 25 giant turbines goes ahead it could give wind energy development its biggest boost ever in the UK.

**Environment Correspondent** 

There are more than 30 land wind farms, thanks to both a subsidy scheme funded by electricity consumers through their bills, and to the fact that Britain is Europe's windiest large nation. The industry has always looked to moving offshore, where the winds blow stronger and steadier and the environ-

mental conflicts found inland can be minimised.

But in Great Yarmouth, from where the turbines would be visible, there was some concern at the proposal, particularly about the affect on the large numbers of seals which sometimes bask at low tide on a sandbank less than an quarter of a mile from the proposed site.
The 25 turbines would stand

over 150ft tall from the tips of their topmost blade. They would be built on platforms in 13ft-deep shallows, and generate enough power for a town of 56,000 people. PowerGen,

Britain's second biggest generator, has submitted its project to the Department of Trade and Industry along with dozens of plans from other developers backing onshore wind farms. All of them are seeking the con-sumer subsidy used to fund renewable energy systems in Britain. PowerGen is also

Estate, which owns the seabed. PowerGen plans to use new 1.5 megawatt turbines, two or three times the power of those being installed in onland farms. They would be made by the Danish firm Vesta, although there are

hopes that many British-made components will be used.

This proposal is very good news," said Dr Ian Mays, President of the European Wind Energy Association and managing director of UK wind farm developer Renewable Energy Systems. "We have a huge wind resource offshore, and I'm sure the UK industry will be taking negotiating with the Crown increasing advantage of the growing market here and over-

> There are just three offshore wind farms in the world, all in Eurone. Britain's first wind farm opened less than five years

Wind farms in Britain gen-

erate sufficient electricity for a city the size of Bristol, but they have always been at the centre of debate. Conservationists have deplored the siting of several of them in beautiful upland areas. Some are next to national parks. Sir Bernard Ingham, former

press secretary to Margaret Thatcher, has railed against them and is bonorary president

of an anti-wind farm group.
The environmentalist, Jonathan Pornitt, says he finds their nearest home because of noise.

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of energy. The price of wind-generated electricity bas dropped steadily as the turbines have become mass-produced and reliable. The windiness of the site is all-important because the amount of power available is proportional to the wind-speed cubed.

But turbines usually have to be kept 300 metres from the

hines installed in Britain are im-First offshore wind farm set to power a town and generate environmentalists' hopes for renewable energy ported. About £60m of Government money has been sunk into wind research and develwindflow. The hilltop wind farm at, Penrhyddland near Llandiopment but this has not yet given Britain a strong windpower industry.

One reason is that much of this taxpayers' money was spent developing vast multi-megawatt Wind generation could supturbines much larger than those ply 10 per cent of UK electric-

in demand today. The Danish strategy proved much more successful; the government there subsidised demand heavily during the 1980s, leaving it to the manufacturers to decide what were the most cost effective machines. Now its industry has a world lead.

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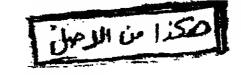
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Music industry: Euro 96 theme helps fuel surge in teenagers' favourite format Long-dead singles rise from the groove

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The death of the single, mourned for over two decades, has been greatly exaggerated. New figures show the traditional music format for teenagers is making a comeback.

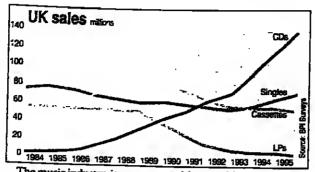
This summer has seeo a surge in the sale of singles, due partly to the Euro 96 theme Football's Coming Home, and to the first release in five years from George Michael.

Britain now sells almost 17 per cent of the world market in singles compared to only 5.9 per cent of the alhum market.

According to Peter Scaping, secretary general of the British Phonographie Industry: There are some elements about the structure of British society which make the single an immediately responsive element in recorded music entertainment."

There is also a mundane reason behind the success of the single. At £4.49 its price has not changed for five years; and this price is often halved by record shops in promotion wars.

But the resurrection of the single has been accompanied by the death throws of cassenes, which are cootinuing to lose ground to compact discs, fol-



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scribed as easy."
The latest BPI statistical

for the first time in 10 years.

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quarter of 1993.

The music industry is now so taken with the surge in singles that it is eodeavouring to rewrite history and claim that the decline in singles' buying may have been a myth, as proper figures were oever compiled in the 1960s.

The new statistical handbook from the British Phonographie Industry contains the statement: "In receot years, there have been several misinformed press stories suggesting that having a oumber-one single is not the achievement that

Unfortunately, there are no statistics from the 1960s available to test the theory. It is true, however, that the number of singles released now is far greater than was the case 30 years ago. lowing a dramatic fall last year. so the feat of attaining the top

Of the 18 million, 11 million were CD singles, a 7 per cent increase in this format from the previous year. About 4.5 million were cassette singles, a drop of 4.6 per cent drop from the previous year and 2 million were 12in-vinyl singles, a drop of 2 per cent. Only 600,000 were traditional 7in-vinyl '45's, a drop of 0.5 per cent.

The cash generated from sales of singles rose by 11 per cent compared to the summer of 1995, with customers paying £28.5m io only three months Over the same three months, 40 million alhums were sold.

handbook, out today, shows that singles sales were particu-The majo artists hebiod the larly strong in 1995 when more singles bonanza were The than 70 million units were sold Fugees, with their version of the soul elassic Killing Me Softly, Gina G, Mark Morrison, Bad-The album market was 196 diel/Skinner/Lightning Seeds, with the Euro 96 anthem, and million. Cassette albums were the only casualty. The sale of 53 million marked a drop of 2.6 George Michael,

The other notable aspect of But the new figures for this the figures released by the BPI is the way budget-price classisummer, which are not includcal albums are increasing their share of the market. Last year ed in the handbook, show the singles market is continuing to grow. Over 18 millioo were 30.8 per cent of classical-album bought between April and June sales were budget price, 19.7 per this year, almost 6 per cent more cent were mid-price and 49.5 than in the same quarter the previous year, and 4 million per ceot were full price. In 1990 budget-price albums acmore than in the equivalent counted for only 20 per cent of



Top of the singles (clockwise from the top): George Michael, Gina G, Mark Morrison Skinner and Baddiel, and the Fugees were among the main artists behind the bonanza

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## Ghost in the machinery foils Hamlet

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

One of the most prestigious productions at this year's Edinhurgh Festival has been cancel- led at the last minute, leaving thousands of ticketholders disappointed.

Yesterday Robert Lepage, the renowned actor and director, admitted that his reinterpretation of Shakespeare's Hamlet would not see one per-

Elsinore, starring Mr Lepage himself, was to be the theatri-cal showpiece of the festival's first week, but the complicated technical equipment on which it relied broke down as it was due to open on Monday.

Mr Lepage said the problem had proved impossible to fix and that the show, due to run for five nights, had been cancelled. The news will be a blow to the

3,000 people who had bought tickets costing between £6 and £20 to see what was described as "a remarkable synthesis of dazzling theatre technology and cinematic conventioo".

Mr Lepage explained at a press conference: There was a huge piece of machinery that revolved and picks up huge pieces of sets. It depended on four motors to pick up the pieces, hot one didn't respond."

Despite working round the

clock it proved impossible to mend, and the only available replacement part was in Canada. He was, he admitted, extremely embarrassed and conceded that such heavy reliance on technology may have been risky.

Everything had gone smoothly during rehearsals and in the six months that the show, by the Ex-Machina Company of Canada, had been touring abroad.

It is the first time in living memory that the Edinburgh Festival has lost such a high-pro-file show in such a way, and the cost to it is likely to be close to £100,000, but its director, Brian McMaster, said that the Festival had an insurance policy to cover such emergencies. The Bank of Scotland, which sponsored the show, had been

very supportive".

Mr McMaster said his staff would tell as many people as possible that the show would not be running. Tourist information offices in the city had heen informed and credit card bookings would be automatically re-

The Ex-Machina Company was said to be devastated after having worked furiously to prepare the show for Edinburgh. It is due to tour Nottingham. Newcastle and Glasgow later this year and is also booked to appear at the National Theatre

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#### DAILY POEM

Straddling

By Fred Johnston

To know a settling place a gate that rests your elbows a view that dominates your next move a gesture over a wall that punctuates the given word, the agreed signature – To have all this from birth is a sort of peace

As not having it cuts to the bone roots to the quick the hesitancy in the heart, as if no steering were ever possible through the scraggled charts you stuffed in pockets of memory, hazarding A guess each time, always edging, bordering

What I know is this our reach is never what we think it is no wall we build is utterly unbreachable sometimes a doubt is all that saves us sends us running to where the fault lies Straddling beyond our span we fall over always.

Fred Johnston, born in Belfast in 1951, is a journalist and critic for the *Irish Times*, who has published six collections of poetry. In 1972 he received a Hennessy Literary Award for Prose. *Middle*, his latest collection, is published by Salmoo next year.

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Peace in Chechnya: Rebels accuse Russians of refugee attack; Russia says rebels fired first

# Grozny ceasefire lasts five minutes

HELEN WOMACK

On the first day of the new ceasefire in Chechnya yesterday, rebels accused Russian helicopter pilots of firing rockets on a column of refugees, and spo-radic shooting cootinued in the capital Grozny.

Despite the violations, however, fighting overall seemed to have been less intense than over the last eight days and in the evening, military representatives from both sides met to try and strengthen the ceasefire. Matters had not looked

hopeful in the morning when the commander of Russian forces, General Konstantin Pulikovsky, denied that he and the rebel chief of staff, Aslan Maskhadov, had agreed a ceasefire as announced on Tuesday. All he would say was that his troops would not fire first.

The Chechens, who said the ceasefire had heen agreed, accused the Russians of violating it only five minutes after it went into force at midday, with the air strike against fleeing civilians. "Today at 12.05pm, Russian aircraft launched a rocket attack against Grozny," said a rebel spokesman, Movladi Udugov, specifying the area in which it happened. "Many people have been killed."

A Reuters correspondent, Lawrence Sheets, said he saw from a distance how a heliconter fired a rocket at the time and in the area mentioned by Mr Udugov. The Russian side did not comment on the Chechen accusation but said the rebels had violated the truce by firing oo its servicemen.

There was still some will to achieve a ceasefire, however. In

the village of Novye Atagi. Tass news agency said they would dis-cuss "all questions linked with mutual obligations reached on Tuesday between Konstantin Pulikovsky and Aslan Maskhadov on not opening fire

unnecessarily".

A ceasefire was ordered by President Boris Yeltsin's new envoy to Chechnya, Alexander Lebed, who on Sunday made a lightning visit to the region and met Maskhadov. His political future now very much depends on whether the bloodshed comes to a quick end. An out-sider in the Kremlin - he was appointed national security chief in June after coming third in the first round of the presideotial elections - he has already made enemies for himself

by criticising the government's handling of Chechnya.

On Monday, when he returned from the region, he declared that Mr Yeltsin was about to sign a decree, giving him more powers to make reducing the influence of the Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin. RIA oews agency said last night that the decree had been issued although Mr Yeltsin's press service, Izvestia, could not confirm this.

Izvestia said Mr Chernomyrdin and Mr Yeltsin's chief of administration, Anatoly Chubais, were against the decree because it would make General Lebed too powerful. "Lebed, whose talents in the military sphere are unquestioned, may he outclassed when it comes to Kremlin intrigue,"

Mr Yeltsin was yesterday having routine medical checks before leaving on holiday. His the evening Russian officers left new spokesman, Sergei their main base near Grozoy to Yastrzhembsky, said the leader meet rebel representatives in was "in good working form".



Time to run: A Chechen woman flowing the fighting in Grozny yesterday with her baby

# Olive branch confuses HK democrats

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

Having been alternately ignored and vilified by China, the leaders of the Democratic Party, Hong Kong's largest political party, are in a quandary as to how to respond to the Chinese government's first indication of a willingness to establish a dialogue.

At a meeting tonight the party's leaders are likely to ratify a decisioo to rebuff China's offer of a chance to participate in a Peking-run body, the Se-lection Committee, which will choose the head of the territory's government after next year's transfer of sovereignty, and be responsible for the appointment of members to a provisional legislature which will replace the current body after it has been dissolved by the incoming sovereign power.

The Chinese government previously favoured a policy of deploying the hlunderbuss in dealing with the democrats. but it now appears to bave gained the upper hand by offering an olive branch.

This was presented by the Chinese Vice-Premier, Qian Oicben, who has special re-sponsibility for Hong Kong. He said that China was willing to work with those who "hold different opinions about the course and pace of democratic development as long as they share the common ground of support for the resumption of sovereignty". This is a far cry from the usual practice of branding the de-mocrats' leaders as "subver-

mocrais readers as surver-sives" and "stooges of the British imperialists".

The democrats quickly re-sponded by saying they "strong-ly welcome" Mr Qian's remarks, describing them as "a positive and constructive step". However Martin Lee, the democrats' leader, firmly ruled out participation in the Selection Committee because "it is conditional on participating in a process which will undermine democracy in Hong Kong".

Democratic Party members fear that they will lose credibility by joining a body which is play-ing a role in dismantling elected ing a role in dismantling elected bodies and replacing them with unelected provisional councils.

Photograph: Reuter They feel that they have secured majority support. A more subtle approach, confronting the democrats with difficult choices, may well yield positive results.

a high degree of popular sup-port because of an uncompromising stand of opposing China's plans for undermining democratic institutions.

This position does not appear to be well understood in Hong Kong. A recent public opinion poll showed that 60 per cent of respondents wanted the Democratic Party to join the

Selection Committee.

This finding will be music to the ears of officials in Peking who may have seen their invitation as a trap to force the democrats to assume the unfamiliar role of rejecting dialogue and being unwilling to

The 400-member Selection Committee is likely to turn out to be little more than a rubber stamp for Peking's candidates. Indeed it is clear that China will



Qian Qichen: China willing to

only tolerate the appointment of someone it likes as bead of the new administration. The front runner is the shipping magnate Tung Chee-hwa who is heavily in debt to Peking for bailing out his company when it was faced with ruin.

Meanwhile Chinese leaders, including President Jiang Zemin, have started to talk about the occessity of the territory being led by people who are "acceptable" to Hong Kongers. This may appear to be a rather unremarkable point of view but it replaces the former

emphasis on loyalty to China. The Chinese government does not wish to see the Democratic Party continuing to secure

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#### **SIGNIFICANT SHORTS**

ligh-ranking army officers were responsible for the 1993 murder of Burundi's first freely elected president. Melchior Ndadaye, Belgian newspaper Le Soir said yesterday, citing a leaked United Nations' report.

The report concluded that the massacre of Tutsi civilians which followed the Hutu President's death was not spontaneous hut orcbestrated. Only four months after Ndadaye's landslide victory, officers of the Tutsi-dominated army staged an unsuccessful coup in which the president and prominent Hutus were killed. This set the stage for the civil strife in which tens of thousands have died. Reuter - Brussels

Gunmen opened fire on Sunni Muslim worshipers outside a mosque in the port city in the south of Pakistan, killing 11 people and wounding nine others. Stunned witnesses said about 200 worshipers had gathered outside the New Town mosque for an Independence Day procession when the shooting occurred. AP - Karacki

German prosecutors asked a court to send the US inco-Nazi leader, Gary Lauck, to jail for five years for playing a key role in smuggling extremist propaganda into Germany. Prosecutors told the court in Hamburg that Lauck, 43, deserved the maximum possible sentence because he had provided the main source of neo-Nazi propaganda in Germany in the last 20 years. Reuter - Hamburg

Japan apologised for the first time to Second World War Filipino women sex slaves and a private fund pledged \$18,500 (£12,000) for each to atone for a black chapter in Japanese history. Four Filipinas who were kept in Japanese military brothels received a letter of "sincere apologies and remorse" from the Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto. "This is the happiest of moment of my life," said Maria Rosa Hensoo, 68, after receiving the letter. Reuter – Manila

The Turkish navy flagship was towed back to its port with Greek assistance yesterday after running aground in Greek waters, Foreign Minister Theodorus Pangalos said. A Greek navy statement said the frigate Yavuz ran aground in the straits between the south-eastern Greek island of Kos and the Turkish coast during a non-aggressive passage through Greek waters on Tuesday. Renter - Athens

Indonesian authorities arrested 28 people, accusing them of belonging to a banned left-wing group blamed for anti-government rioting last month. The arrests were made on Sunday in the island of Bali, where the suspects are alleged to have fied after rioting in Jakarta on 27 July, Antara news agency said. AP – Jakarta

Thousands of dead rats have been found floating in a river in India's north-eastern state of Assam and scared people have stopped fishing an drawing water from it. The United News of Iodia (UNI) news agency said locals interpreted the death of the rats as an ominous sign. Reuter - Guwahati, India

Vienna Philharmonic, one of Austria's last male strongholds, will admit women because there are not enough qualified men to keep the orchestra going, its director said. Werner Resel noted 65 per cent of music school students were female. "This fact alone will make it necessary to accept women," be said. Reater - Vienna

# Rome wary of laughing off Bossi

Separatist leader has bounced back, writes Andrew Gumbel

With most of the country at a standstill for the holidays, Italian newspapers tend to have a hard time filling their pages in August. Not this year though, thanks to the shenanigans of Umberto Bossi, the northern separatist leader who, with the keen eye of a well-versed expert in self-promotion, has taken full advantage of the lull to get everyone talking about him and little else.

Little had been heard of Mr Bossi since June, when his camstate in the north, to be called stations a Padania, came screeching to a country. halt as his party, the Northern League, was humiliated in a spate of local elections.

But then, starting lost week,

text was a list of appointments in Rai, the state broadcasting service, which beavily favoured supporters of government parties despite pledges by the new Prime Minister, Romano Pro-di, to cod the such practices. Mr distribution of the such practices of the such practices. Mr Bossi lashed out at the government, ordering his followers to burn their television licences paign to establish a separate and knock out transmission stations across the north of the

> In the same breath, be expelled one of his party's most

country, albeit with a more federalist structure. Ms Pivetti instantly began organising rival rallies to Mr Bossi's, only to dis-

Over the weekend Mr Bossi dropped another bombshell, accusing the secret services of planning a bomb attack on a bank in Milan with the intention of blaming it on him.

As usual, it is hard to know bow seriously to take all this, popular lieutenants, the former since Mr Bossi's threats tend to parliamentary speaker Irene be seven parts bluff to three

he decided it was time to go
Pivetti, on the grounds that parts performance art. The
back on the offensive. The presecret-service allegation, for example, has fallen apart already, the details of the supposed plot bear an uncanny resemblance to an episode from a futuristic political thriller penned four years ago by one

of Mr Bossi's party colleagues. Ms Pivetti's expulsion may also be a piece of political theatre intended to raise the League's profile. Two years ago another key party member, Roberto Maroni, walked out, citing irreconcilable differences with Mr Bossi, only to slink back later when no one was looking.

The government is never-

theless taking Mr Bossi's antics seriously and is already beginning to worry about a formal declaration of independence for Padania set for 15 September. Beneath the huffoonery lurks the unmistakable icooog-raphy of fascism - the greenshirts sound more and more like the Fascists' blackshirts, while the threat of attacks on transmitters is reminiscent of German-language neo-Nazis who used the same tactics to demand separatism in the South Tyrol in the 1960s. Already the demon-strations planned to mark Padania's independence day are being nicknamed the "March on the Po" in an echo of the March on Rome which brought Mus-solini to power in 1922.

#### Brown delivers New York success

DAVID USBORNE New York

Tina Brown, Manhattan's most bitched-about British emigrée, has given one in the eye to the sceptics who have loved to hate ber ever since she assumed the editorship of the high-brow New Yorker in 1992. Under her stewardship, she has revealed. the magazine is clawing its way hack to financial health.

Details of the unlikely and quite unexpected success were laid out in yesterday's New York Post, which secured an unusually candid interview with Ms

Brown, 42, and the magazine's president, Tom Florio.

The New Yorker is not there quite yet, but if the self-coogratulatory assertions of the pair are to be believed, it will be sooo. For years it has been assumed by the city's media watchers that the weekly, beloved by East Coast intellectuals could past coast intellectuals.

tuals, could never turn a buck.

"It has been four loog, hard
years – but it is exciting to see
all our work pay off," Ms Brown said. "By the end of next year we should be in profit."

Married to Harold Evans, the former editor of the Sunday Times, Ms Brown has a right to be pleased. Since moving from Varity Fair, she has come under attack from aficionados who accused her of trying to hring it downmarket. The most receot firestorm occurred when the comedienne Roseanne Arnold helped edit one of its issues.

"In the past many people in this industry treated Tina a bit like a schoolgirl, they wouldn't show her the business side of puhlishing," said Mr Florio.
"But we did and she helped us

get to where we are now." Although circulation has risen nearly 40 per cent, the re-covery has also heen helped by price increases and cost-cutting not previously experienced by the cosy New Yorker culture. Ms Brown denies she has tak-

en it downmarket. "I am really proud of it. It's hard to have that kind of circulation increase with cerebral material."

## Pilot piqued at cheek of Great Plane Robbers

MARY DEJEVSKY

In a raid of such brazen audacity as to compare with Britain's Great Train Robbery, a gang of armed and masked robbers held up an Air France Europe passenger plane as it landed at Perpignan in south-west France on Tuesday evening and calm-ly removed two mailbags full of used banknotes from the hold. They completed their "Great Plane Robbery" in four minutes flat, and are now being hunted nationwide.

The hold-up was so quickly and sharply executed that police are uncertain about how many people they are looking for. They say it is between four and

In radio interviews yesterday, what happened. Just as we were about to leave the runway. two vehicles blocked our way." he said. "I called the control tower to ask what was going on, hut then these armed and masked men came out, and I

which shocked him as much by its use of the familiar tu form of the verb (pilots are used to being treated with exceptional deference) as by its content. Hearing shots fired, he switched off the engine, but was cool ecough to say that he had no way of opening the hold from the cockpit and told them to do

it themselves - which they did. Then, Capt Roy said, they went to the hatch closest to where the cargo from Brinks the international transporter of valuables - was, removed two mailbags and drove out of the airport. No one was burt.

The 173 passengers and crew were allowed to leave the plane 45 minutes later. Perpignan is the captain of the plane. Vincent Roy, who had flown the Airbus 320 on its hour-long flight from Paris, described sorts, and this is one of the busiest holiday weeks of the was opened yesterday.

finitive value has yet been placed on the loss. Until yesierday afternoon, the only information was that the two knew we were being held up." bags weighed 28kg. The value ilar regulations for the According to Capt Roy, the of the contents was first esti-protection of air freight.

gang raised a banner saying mated at 4 million French frames (£509,600), but it was lature the hold — an instruction er disclosed that the bags contained only Spanish pesetas, and that the value could be considcrably less than first thought.

That such a bold-up could take place oo the mainland raises serious questions about security, not just at Perpiguan, but at other provincial airports. The gang was reportedly able to peoetrate the runway area through a little-used back cotrance that was concealed from the control tower by a mound. Local people use the mound as a vantage-point for watching the planes take off and it is also used by people coming to meet passengers. The robbers were able

to wait there unsuspected. Moreover, although the captain raised the alarm, the gang had fled the airport before any-one reached the scene. An official inquiry into the robbery

summer in France.

Whether through embarrassment or confusion, no derequire sums larger than 200,000 francs to be escorted by at least three guards when taken by road, but there are no sim-

## Hopes dim for test ban treaty

International efforts to ban nuclear weapons tests suffered a serious setback yesterday when India made clear it would not lift its objections to a global test ban treaty. Diplomats at the 61-na-tion Conference on Disarmament in Geneva said there was virtually no prospect that the fo-rum would adopt the text of the treaty, potentially the most far-reaching arms cootrol measure in history.
The five declared ouclear

nowers - Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States have all stopped testing and support adoption of the Com-prehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), However, India and Iran say they will not sign the treaty in its present form, partly because it does not commit the declared nuclear powers to a timetable for dismantling their weapons.

Together with Israel and Pakistan, India, which exploded a nuclear device in 1974, is regarded as a "threshold" nuclear power - one which either possesses nuclear weapons or is capable of assembling them at demand "on-site" inspections of short notice. Both government nuclear facilities.

and opposition parties in New Delhi object to a treaty that

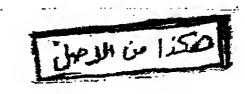
would leave China in possession of nuclear weapons while fail-ing to guarantee India's security. Western countries had hoped that the conference would approve the treaty at a plenary ses-sion today and send it to the United Nations in New York for ratification by member-states. However, at a committee meeting yesterday. India's chief representative in Geneva confirmed that ber government would block transmission of the treaty to the plenary session.

Pakistan said the CTBT talks

would fail unless all nuclear "threshold" states signed it. "It is absolutely clear that this is a treaty about all nuclear-capable states. If one nuclear-capable state stays out of this treaty, the treaty is dead," said Munir Akram, Pakistan's ambassador

The treaty would not take cffect unless ratified by the five declared nuclear powers and the three "threshold" states.

Iran opposes the treaty on the grounds that it could enable foreign countries to use spy satellites to ensure compliance and



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# Party's hopes and fears hang on Dole's words

RUPERT CORNWELL San Diego

The advance publicity for once is no exaggeration. Still clearly trailing his Democratic oppo-nent President Clinton, Bob Dole tonight will accept the Republican nomination for President - and the tacitum Kansan, for whom flowery oratory is an abhorrence, must give the speech of his life.

Yesterday brought the moment Mr Dole has yearned for ever since his first unsuccessful run for the White House in 1980: the traditional convention floor roll-call vote of states, formally bestowing the crown upon him at last, at his third time of asking. But he has spent most of the past two days elsewhere, working on the address that may

make or break his campaign.
Thus far the convention has been an unexpected and almost unmitigated success for the Republicans. Even the major TV networks have paid their backhanded compliments, complaining bitterly that in the tightly scheduled live segments they run each night they have been largely forced to dance to virtually unmentioned at the

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the tune of the organisers. In the past 10 days Mr Dole has achieved most of his major objectives. He has produced an arresting economic plan centred on a 15 per cent across-theboard tax cut, in the chullient Jack Kemp he has picked arguably the strongest available vice-Presidential running mate, and he has secured the endorsement of his arch foe Pat

Above all, in stark contrast to both the divisive and meanspirited Houston four years ago and to the highly conservative platform approved here, the message sent out to ordinary Americans from the convention stage in San Diego this week has been relentlessly moderate, upbeat and youthful.

Presentation has been slick in the extreme. Abortion, the issue which more than any oth-

podium. Speaker Newt Gingrich, bitherto studiously kept out of the limelight, did appear on Tuesday night. But he scarce-ly referred to the deeply unpopular Congress he leads, extolling instead the virtues of compassion and charity, and hailing Martin Luther King as "the greatest Georgian of the 20th century". No less assiduously, the par

ty has pursued the female voters among whom Mr Dole is exceptionally weak. Women such as Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson of Texas and Christine Todd Whitman, New Jersey governor, have been constantly featured, and Tuesday's keynote speech was en-trusted to the 38-year-old New York Congresswoman Susan Molinari, who came across less as a political heavyweight than a harassed young mother from a TV sitcom - exactly as Mr Dole's advisers intended.

"I don't know a mom today who isn't being stretched to the limit trying to hold down a job while trying to hold down the fort," she said, in a naked pitch for the support of middle-class, suburban women - just like her-



self. She added some effective barbs against Mr Clinton. Her speech would be "a lot like a Bill Clinton promise: It won't last long and will sound like a Regates to their feet, she depicted

radical, and his White House as a nest of his "truth-dodging, FBI-abusing, privacy-violating, drug-coddling friends". Now Mr Dole must similar-

ly rise to the occasion. Contrary

him as a dishonest and devious to myth, convention addresses are rarely decisive. There has been the odd exception - no-tably George Bush's "Read My Lips, No New Taxes" pledge in New Orleans in 1988, which galvanised the party and whose

abandonment contributed to the Republican defeat in 1992. The most memorable moments have been provided by non-candidates or losers: for the Republicans, Barry Goldwater's thunderous oratory in San Francisco in 1964; for the Democrats, Edward Kennedy's defiant but doomed heroics in 1980 when he failed to seize the nomination from sitting President Jimmy Carter, and Mario Cuomo's electrifying keynote

Dole's case is different. After a listless and bungling early campaign, the conven-tion offers the candidate his biggest and best chance to sell

speech four years later. But Mr

73, he must dispel fears that he is too old, not least by providing the rousing vision that Americans, however unfairly, expect from their president, hut which the pragmatic deal-maker Mr Dole has been conspicuously short on.

A poor speech would be a disaster, even a moderate one would run risk of being overshadowed by Mr Kemp, a compelling orator who makes his own acceptance speech immediately beforehand tonight. Mr Dole must recapture the moving moment when he resigned from the Senate in June, setting out on his last campaign as "just a man ... with nowhere to go

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Republicans

The black vote is almost as reliably Democrat in America as it is for Nelson Mandela's African National Congress in South Africa. Thus for a black South

African journalist covering the Republican National Conven-tion in San Diego the sprinkling of black faces was curiously familiar. It reminded him of the handful of his hlack countrymen who accepted FW de Klerk's invitation to join the National Party before the first post-apartheid election in 1994.

They were shunned in the townships, derided as "token blacks". At National Party rallies their erstwhile white masters would shun them too. or accord them cringingly overeager respect.
Similar scenes have been in

evidence in San Diego at a gathering dominated by red-meat Republican white males. Although the Republicans belong to the party of Abraham Lincoln, the president who fought the Civil War to crush slavery, in recent years the Republicans' opposition to wel-fare and affirmative action and their tough measures against crime have been interpreted in many quarters - notably by Jesse Jackson - as code for "Keep the blacks down".

So who are these hlack people at the convention? Charlie Baskerville is a government administrator who lives in Maryland but was born in North Carolina, historically cottonpicking slave country. He explained that the earliest ancestors he had traced had been called Bulloch, until one was sold to a plantation owner bearing the name made famous by Sherlock Holmes.
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said, "call me Hound." Not

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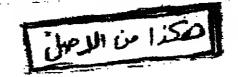
then we'd all be just fine."
Mr Baskerville screws up his face in pain, in frustration. "When are they going to un-derstand, man, that this is the slave mentality? When are they going to see that the welfare system is killing our people, killing our families? When are they going to see that affirmative

action kills our dignity."

The spectacle of Colin Powell addressing the Republican convention was a balm to Mr Baskerville's wounds, but not a cure. While the general is the most popular man in white America, he is viewed with sus-picion among the black com-munity. And what do the white delegates make of their hlack confrères? Do they entertain any notion that, for example, by having a hlack youth singing the national anthem at the opening on Monday they will persuade hlack Americans to vote for Bob Dole? A convention official "My friends," Mr Baskerville said, "call me Hound." Not that he has a lot of friends. Black ones, at any rate. "Black folks at the has a lot of friends. Black ones, at any rate. "Black folks at the has a lot of friends." What we bope it

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# Jet 'jigsaw' still puzzles TWA inquiry team

DAVID USBORNE

Investigators believe two separate explosions doomed TWA Flight 800 and are searching for a tell-all "fingerprint" that will determine whether the first blast was caused by a bomb in the passenger cabin. Federal officials were yes-

terday speeding up efforts to re-assemble wreckage of the plane in the main hangar of a Long Island airfield not far from where it fell to the ocean in a fireball on 17 July, killing all 230 on board. The work, which involves rebuilding the aircraft around a skeleton of chicken wire, is focusing nn the section where the wings joined the fuselage where the worst damage has been found. The pattern of debrishn the ocean floor also indicates that parts of the plane's underbelly beneath the wing junction fell to the sea first. Evidence has also been found

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suggesting one of the explosions was in the fuel tank between the wings and which was almost empty at the flight's outset. Sources have reported that that blast may have occurred up to 20 seconds after an earlier ex-

plosion elsewhere in the aircraft. That finding, if proved, militates against an earlier theory that an electrical spark may have ignited the fuel tank, causing the imital blast that downed the airliner. Thus investigators are again being drawn to the theory that a primary explosion, which may have triggered the tank blast, was caused by a bomb. In the absence of forensic evidence of an incendiary explosion, the two other primary theories remain under consideration: nechanical failure or a missile attack.

As to where a bomb may have been planted, wreckage retrieved this week clouded two

tion occurred in the front car-go hold, where passenger bags craft. As much as 20 seconds latgo hold, where passenger bags were stowed, or in the cockoit. Both scenarios had been fed by evidence that the front of the aircraft was severed from the rest of the fuselage. Items from the hold and the cockpit have meant both areas have been

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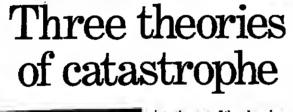
more or less ruled out. Discovery of fire damage in an area near where the leading edge of the right wing joined the plane has propelled new theo-ries to the force that a bomb may have been placed in that area of the cabin, above the fuel tank. in a food trolley or inside a carry-on bag. The inside-right engine also appears to have suffered much greater damage than the other three.

The "fingerprint" that forensic evidence might supply is so far eluding investigators. Pre-liminary testing by equipment at the hangar this week showed residue of PETN, a prime ingredient of an explosive known as detasheet or detoord and which can also be used in Semtex. But subsequent testing in Washington DC failed to confirm the presence of PETN.

With the possibility ever present that all the hoped-for evidence may have been washed away while the wreckage remained on the ocean floor about 50 per cent of the plane has been retrieved - investigators are also looking for clues from the directions in which the metal was twisted as well as the pattern of metal fragmeots in the bodies of passengers.

Shards have been found in essengers' feet and legs, pointing to a blast from below the cabin, presumably from the fuel tank. But the extent of damage in that area suggests an explosion there was not sufficient to cripple the plane so deci-sively. "There is bending of metal but this bending we see says there was a low-energy explosion," a source said.

It may be, however, that divisions are opening in the investigation approaches the one-month anniversary of the crash with no clear evidence of what hap pened that can be offered to the public. The same source told the Associated Press news agency: "Investigators are split. Some



Mechanical

The near-perfect safety record of the Boeing 747 has discouraged investigators from seeing mechanical failure as a likely

Scenarios for such a calamity have also, one by one, been ruled nut by what they have found.

The cockpit voice recorders, which showed a routine ascenand ended abruptly with a brief, unexplained noise, weigh

against pilot error.

The possibility that an engine became unhinged and spun

Missile attack

A favourite theory of anyone familiar with the 1990 novel Stinger. Written by Doug Hornig, the book opens with the downing of an American airliner taking off from Boston by a man on a boat with a shoulder-launched Stinger missile. This scenario was lent early

credence by eyewitness sight-ings of an "object" streaking towards TWA800 just before it exploded as well as by an unexplained second blip on traffic-control radar stills. A missile attack has been all

Bomb placed on be

Investigators want to believe a bomb doomed the aircraft after decapitating its front section. But oothing has surfaced yet to provide them with conclusive

An early theory that a bomb may have been detonated inside passenger luggage stowed in steel cargo containers in the front cargo hold was dashed after all the containers were retrieved and found to be in "unremarkable" condition. Suspicions about a cooler containing corneas placed in the cockpit just before departure were also negated by the

into the rest of the plane is seen as unlikely, since all four engines have been found in reasonable condition.

Suggestions that an electrical spark might have ignited vapour in the central fuel tank have also been discounted. While parts of the tank show fire and smoke damage, other parts appear in pristine condition. It is now thought the tank may have ig-nited 20 seconds after an initial blast elsewhere on the plane.

Officials have spoken little about a further possibility: that the plane may have been torn apart by a catastrophic dep ment after take-off of the engines' reverse thrusters.

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engine this week, however. A missile would almost certainly have been guided by a heat-seeking system and initial contact would have been on an engine. All four have shown damage consistent only with impact on the ocean surface in the crash. Nor, so far, have forensic scientists found any evidence of an incendiary blast on the engines.

And a missile strike would not easily explain the instant loss of electrical power shown by the data and voice tapes. Forensic tests are still continuing.

discovery of some undamaged glass covers from cockpit instrumentation. The focus now is on the section where the forward edge of the wings

joined the fusciage. The shape of retrieved plane parts suggests two blasts, one that sent its force downwards from the cabin and another that came from below. Porensic tests at the hangar where the plane is being reassembled showed initial signs of the presence of PEIN, the chief ingredient of a plastic explosive known as detasheet or detcord. But subsequent and much more reliable tests of the same wreckage parts conducted in Washington DC have failed to confirm these first results.



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# Edgar Mansfield

Edgar Mansfield deserves much of the credit fur the revival of British bookbinding in the secand half of the 20th century. He galvanised bookbinding design and freed it to move forward. The centenary of the death

of William Morris has prompted much to be written about Morris and the Arts & Crafts movement which spread his ideals of the value of handwork. and the decorative style of his fabric and wallpaper designs. This style, in a form disseminated first by the gentleman amateur T.J. Cobden-Sanderson, who was prompted to take up bookbinding by May Morris, dominated British fine bookbinding for the next halfcentury, largely as a result of the manual written by his apprenlice at the Doves Bindery, Douglas Cockerell

Books, first published in 1901 and still in print 95 years later, probably remains the first manual that most beginners will pick up. It treats cover design only in terms of ornamentation built up from a few simple decorative units by the repetition of individual tooled impressions, plain or gold. The Arts & Crafts style appeared in French hindings with the work of Marius Michel, but the Parisian ateliers and their designers went on to absorb Art Deco, Surrealism and Cubism, and by the 1930s and 1940s they were producing gloriously extravagant fine bindings of the spectacular illustrated editions de luxe for collectors, whilst the English taste for tradition and conformity and that curious cult of "original condition" to book collecting left little creative work

No wonder that Philip James, reviewing a 1949 exhibition of modern bookbindings in the Studio, wrote:

for fine binders.

[The exhibition] reveals that this noble, ancient art is very much alive in France, even if it is restricted in its most developed state to the commissions of wealthy patrons, but that it is virtually dead in this country. Bookbinding is now one of those handicrafts, like pottery or weaving, which attract a few isolated performers who feel the same compul-sion to create as animates the painter or sculptor. Today the work is its own reward, so few are the commissions, so dim the prospects of a revival.

#### He continued with a plea:

A vigorous, school of original binders who, while respecting the limitations imposed by the nature of a book and its use by the reader, yet work in a

style which springs from contempo-rary art forms, is absolutely necessary for the development of bookbinding.

Edgar Mansfield was just such an original binder as the writer was seeking and, the year before, he had commenced teaching design to bookbinding students at the London School of Printing. Perhaps it was because Mansfield had come to Europe as an outsider that he could accept and absorb the modern movement in art, at a time when we were trying to ignore it or dismiss it with

Born in London in 1907, he was taken to New Zealand by his parents at the age of four; matriculating from Napier Boy's High School in 1923, he then began 10 years of study and teaching of art and crafts. He returned to London in 1934 to extend his studies, of pottery at Camberwell School of Art & Crafts and bookbinding under William Matthews at the Central School of Art & Crafts. In 1936 he began an extensive course in design at the German Reimann School in London under Elsa Taterka. Following war service with the British army from 1941 to 1946 he was repatriated to New Zealand, but returned to London in 1947 to continue bookbinding and design. For much of his active life he divided his time between the two countries, and considered himself "a New Zealander through and through".

He had been elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 1934, and in 1950 was elected Member of the German Bookbinders Guild (MDE).

From 1948 to 1964, he taught design and colour at the London School of Printing. Even in art schools in the Fifties, abstraction and "School of Paris" ideas had harely penetrated and artists such as Picasso and Henry Moore were stock figures of fun to Punch cartoonists. But Mansfield's enthusiasm and encouragement to students and the younger hinders was infectious. A "Mansfield style" was detected in the new designs from the London College of Printing students, some of whose names became familiar in bookbinding circles: Don Etherington and Faith Shannon for instance, and Anthony Cains, later to be Director of the Conservation Laboratory at Trinity College Duhlin, who pushed Mansfield's technique of His teaching at the London manipulating the grain of the School of Panning extended



leather during covering to the extreme of expressive leather puckering as the binding's sole

sign medium. I have been saddened that subsequent generations of bookbinders have seemed unaware of what he achieved on their behalf. I had the good for-tune to know him for four decades, since I - a green young student - was invited to attend the first meeting of the Guild of Contemporary Bookbinders in Bernard Middleton's London workshop at 63 Broadwick Street, Soho, on the evening of 7 April 1955. This small group of like-minded bookbinders, banding together to mount exhibitions of their work under the initial prompting of Bernard Middleton and Arthur Johnson, with Edgar Mansfield as their President, became the present Designer Bookbinders: a flourishing society with about 700 members world-wide, and currently 17 Honorary Fellows, 28 Fellows and eight Licentiales.

During his Presidency of the Guild of Contemporary Bookhinders, from 1955 to 1968, the society mounted an ambitious exhibition programme and many travelling exhibitions in Europe and across the United States were arranged, as well as regular exhibitions at Foyle's Gallery in London, plus others elsewhere, of which the Harrods exhibition of 1958 was perhaps the pivotal event, attracting wide notice in Britain and on the Continent. Mansfield taught us the benefits of publicity, that our work should be photographed and published where possible, and particularly through publication in German, French and Dutch trade magazines. He was made an Honorary Fellow of Designer Bookbinders in 1968.

until he retired in 1964 in order, in his words, "to concentrate entirely on creative experiment, and to spend more time at home - in New Zealand". In the 1979 Birthday Honours list came his appointment as OBE for services to New Zealand, and in 1980 he was elected a Fel-low of the Royal Society of British Sculptors (FRBS).

Although he never stopped creating new drawings and designs, Edgar Mansfield had ceased binding about 20 years ago, with the exception of one presentation binding - a commission reluctantly accepted from the New Zealand anthorities some time after he had decided that his eyesight no longer allowed him to continue binding to the high standard he desired. It was a wedding gift for Princess Anne, completed in 1974, after which he concen-trated on his sculpture and drawings until he agreed to collaborate with James Brockman on a group of 25 new hindings commissioned by K.D. Duval and C.H. Hamilton. The evening of 30 November 1993. when we gathered in the King's Library of the British Museum to see these bindings, exhibited alongside the Designer Bookbinders' Bookbinding Competition entries, was a rare chance for the younger generation to glimpse him for the first time, and a happy reunion with many old friends.

I was one of many binders to receive encouragement and advice about my work from Edgar Mansfield. A letter from c1960 gives some of the flavour of his correspondence:

I am still struggling frantically with design problems and hope you are too... I would urge you to visit the Taxe often, see books like Kepes The New Landscape in An & Science & books on Kiee especially... Your designing will become more difficult & take longer in course of time but I was you to work like bell & cet all urge you to work like hell & get all you can completed. There will never be enough creative work available for our future needs - of that I am absolutely certain. All the best

For him, the creative act could as soon be drawing, or painting, or sculpture, as bookbinding, an attitude which may have helped to ease the moment when his cyesight would no longer allow him to translate his designs into that medium.

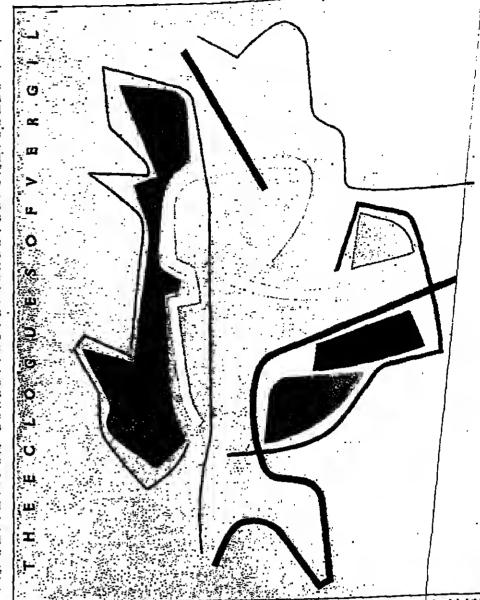
Those who admire Edgar Mansfield's bindings and are convinced of their important place in the development of bookbinding may be discon- ence, and an interest in the ges-

certed by the thought that the craft could matter less to him than he does to it. He seemed most unconcerned about the quality of the volumes he chose to cover; they were often stan-dard publishers' editions and could be inferior examples of printing. The book he chose to bind most frequently, H.E. Bates's Through the Woods, was hardly Cobden-Sandersons's ideal book or "the book beautiful", although it became the vehicle for a memorable series of designs. Very likely the cost of having examples of fine printing was the limiting factor in the early days, when collec-tors were not interested in his work; but as he became recognised he had the opportunity to bind better books. Nor was he interested in refining the struc-ture of his hindings. Having arrived at a simple and serviceable routine, he standardised it. It is as though Mansfield thought of the book as no more than the hlank canvas awaiting his

The nature of the surface of a Mansfield hinding and its tactile quality is most important, as befits the work of a sculptor. His preference was always for unpolished and unpressed goatskin enlivened with surface markings and blemishes, especially the native tanned and dyed skins once ohtainable from Nigeria that displayed variations of tone and colour, if necessary with his own added ink markings. He often heightened the grain texture on the leather of his bindings by rolling the damp skin on itself before pasting, and later hrushing to-wards the spine with the palm of his hand across the surface of the leather in the act of

creative act.

covering the book. Embellishment of the book cover had traditionally been a matter of borrowings from the decorative arts, and even the French Art Deco bindings that acknowledged Cubism did so at second hand, following its adop-tion as a style for interior decoration. The originality and novelty of his binding designs was that they used the language of fine art. That Mans-field was inspired by the abstract painting of his times is obvious: one can see echnes of Miro, Klee and Picasso in the sometimes jagged, sometimes playful, shapes of his inlays and in the dancing lines of his tooling. Surrealism is an influ-



Dancing lines: binding by Mansfield for Virgit's Eclogues (Cranach Press, 1927) - native-dyed bright reliow morocco with recessed inlays in white, black, grey, green and red, tooled in blind and black, 1983

tural abstraction of some of the American painters may be detected in what he called his "scribble" designs that began to appear from 1960 on. It is also possible to see these as having evolved from his use of textured areas of impressions from small dot and line tools. There are recurring motifs like the eye/sun inlaid circle and a "lobsterclaw" conjunction of curved shapes. Mansfield was fond of musical analogies as a basis for

form, fugue, and variations on The glorious range and breadth of Edgar Mansfield's invention is a delight to observe as one traces the development of his art from the early search for a means of expression in the bindings of 1937-50 through to

designs completed in his 86th

year. His strongest inspiration,

his design structure: sonata

ural forms; evident both in the book titles he returns to so often - Country Matters, Through the Woods, Down the River, Four Hedges, The Seasons - and in the growing, flying, swim-ming, branching forms, and the lines and textures that so often choke foliage, the leaf and its veins, wing, and fin. We are fortunate in having an

excellent record of his design philosophy and processes and the technical means he devised to create his bindings in the book Modern Design in Bookbinding the work of Edgar Mansfield (1966). A new edition is long overdue.

Mansfield will be remem-

bered for demonstrating that bookbinding is as appropriate a medium for the artist as son); died Bearsted Kent 10 painting and sculpture. He was August 1996.

in sculpture, drawing and book an energetic and enthusiastic binding design, came from nat- campaigner against a conservative trade's incomprehension, ridicule and mistrust of modern design in fine bookbinding. His long-held and as yet unfulfilled hope was for recognition for the best of modern bockbinding by the fine art world. One does indeed wonder at the convention which would accord artistic status to his sculptures but not to his hindings.

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James Frank Edgar Mansfield, bookbinder, born London 11 February 1907; FRSA 1934; President, Guild of Contemporary Bookbinders 1955-68, Honorary Fellow, Designer Bookbinders 1968; OBE 1979; FRBS 1980; married 1980 Mrs Gladys Lochhead (died 199); one step-

## Marshal Antonio de Spínola

Antonio de Spínola was the old Portuguese colonial soldier who became the improbable hero of Portugal's April 1974

revolution. I first saw him almost on a daily basis when I was 10 years old and he was courting the daughter of a general who lived in our street. Always in uniform, with monocled right eye and horse-rider's swagger-stick, he was known in our neighbourhood as one of the young gencration of officers ready to fight for Fascism and empire in the 1930s. The son of a senior official in the dictator Antonio Salazar's regime, he fought for Franco's side in the Spanish Civil War, and completed his training with Hitler's army as an observer on the Russian front.

After the Allied victory and decades of enforced stability both in Portugal and the farflung empire, all that training and experience seemed somewhat wasted until the 1960s when, by then a lieutenantcolonel, he was sent to Angola to quell the first African nationalist uprising which even-tually, with Soviet bloc support, was extended to Guinea-Bissau

and Mozambique. As a military commander in Guinea-Bissau, and after a relatively successful Africanisa-



Spinola: swagger-stick

tion programme largely based upon more modern models used in Victnam and elsewhere, wherehy nearly half of the (Portuguese) Guinean army was formed by African troops, he hecame something of a hero in the Portuguese coloniai

By then the decades old national-colonialist regime created by Salazar and halfheartedly carried on by his successor Marcelo Caetano had reached a mortal impasse. As so often happens with prolunged personal dictatorship the long experience of enforced stability degenerated into mutual fear and paralysis within the ranks of the regime, and the inability of the democratic op-

position to organise a convincing alternative. It was then that Spinola played a crucial and truly heroic role.

Since the initiative for the dramatic political impasse could only come from within the ranks of the regime, he wrote a book in which, after acknowledging that the colonial impasse could only be resolved by political rather than military means, he put forward a plan for a Pan-Portuguese multi-racial federation or community, similar to the British Commonwealth and its French equivalent, as a way

in the event the book, Pornugal and the Future, published in Fehruary 1974, was like the key that opened the door for the military pronunciamento cum popular and festive revolution that was to follow the arrests and deportation to Madeira first of the token President Americo Thomas and Prime Minister Caetano.

As for Spinola, he was chosen to become President of the restored Democratic Republic, almost as a reward. However, subsequent events were to show that, having opened the door to liberalisation, he was soon overtaken by the revolutionary crowd that rushed through it. During his

five-month tenure of the presidency he tried to find solutions for successive crises and the prospect of the disintegration of the old empire, with meetings with other improbable heads of state, including President Mobutu of Zaire and President Nixon of the United States, then already facing impeachment, whom he met in mid-Atlantic in

the Azores. After he was elbowed out of power in September 1974 and replaced by his left-wing rival General Costa Gomes, likewise a prominent colonial commander, the widespread fear of a Communist takeover led him to seek exile in Brazil, from where he travelled to gather support for what would he tantamount to a counter-revolution. The perceived Communist threat was eventually thwarted when a new balance of forces within the resime succeeded in reestablishing a country of law and

order. After returning to Portugal in 1976 Spinola opted for retirement in his farmhouse near Lisbon. He became a mere spectator to Portugal's accelerated development upon integration into the EEC in the 1980s under a centre-right government more to his liking. He lived to witness the Portuguese eventually become richer than they had ever been while they had ching to the empire, through the vagaries of history and the benefits of Portugal's return to its European

Democratic, capitalistorientated Portugal is now one of the main investors in the warravaged but potentially rich former colonies of Angola and Mozambique. And, only two weeks ago, the Community of the Countries of Portuguese Language, comprising all the former five African colonies as well as Brazil, was finally formalised at a Pan-Portuguese summit in Lisbon.

Antônio Sebastião Ribeiro de Spinola, soldier. born Estremoz, Republican Guard

Antonia de Figueiredo

Portugal 11 April 1910; Com-mander, 345th Cavalry Group, Angola 1961-64; Provost Murshal 1964-65; Cavalry Inspector 1966-67; Deputy Commander, Na-1967-68; Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Par-tiguese Guinea 1968-73; Deputy Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces 1973-74; Head, Junta Nacional de Salvação 1974: President of Portugal, 1974; married 1932 Maria Monteiro de Barros; died Lisbon 13 August

#### The Rev Christopher Gray

teachers and contemporaries for

Christopher Gray had not long been a Vicar of St Margaret's, Anfield, in Liverpool, when he was murdered in front of his own vicarage. Even though he was only 32 and a priest for only three years, Gray was beginning to have a major impact on the Anglican Church's thinking on the priestly ministry.

He was Head Boy at Winchester, and then went on to Wadhani College, Oxford, where he achieved a Double First "with congratulations" in Ancient History and won most of the major classical prizes. He possessed a hrilliant mind and spoke with great clarity of thought. At the same time he was a quiet person, who listened carefully and was liked by his



his humanity and warmth. After Oxford he spent a year looking after handicapped people at the L'Arche community in France, where he discovcred his flair for learning living languages in addition to Latin, Greek and Hebrew, When 1 met him in 1992 he was already a fluent speaker of French, German and Polish, and at each later meeting he had acquired other

Slavic languages. His knowledge of Romanian, Czech, Slovak and Lithuanian contributed to his being able to be an ambassador for Anglicanism to the Christian churches of these recently liberated countries. In 1992, after training for the priesthood at Mirfield in York-

shire, he became a curate at St Jude's Church, Cantril Farm, in Liverpool Cantril Farm is a 1960s housing estate with one of the highest unemployment rates in England; the community there was under siege, with high levels of drug use, crime and violence. Gray knew the limits of a priest, but within those limits he exercised a sac-rificial ministry, especially working with young people who had no connection with the Church. He did not see himself as doing the work of a social work-er hut felt strongly that the Church is responsible for giving

meaning to the lives of everyone who presents himself to her. It was during his time as curate that he wrote a puzzlingly prophetic chapter "Who is the Priest?", in The Fire and the Clay (1993), which is a hrilliant fusion of theory and practical theology. He described Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd as the chief model for the priest: The supreme act of the shepherd is to lay down his life for the sheep.

[Priests are called to be] people who grow to be like Christ in their faithful service of their flocks; even to the point of sacrificing their own lives.

In 1995 he was moved to St Margaret's, Anfield, and given the diocesan portfolio of Director of Evangelism. He had been in this post for just over a year and was beginning to make a mark in the Liverpool diocese with his vision of a Church as a people who are confident in their faith and who feel glad to share it. Gray's decisive intellect told him what had to be done and it was his faith that gave him courage to complete the task in the only way he could.

Bernhard Schünemann

Christopher John Gray, priest: born Portsmouth 2 January 1964; ordained deacon 1992, priest 1993; Priest-in-Charge, St Mar-garet's, Anfield 1995-96; died Liverpool 13 August 1996.

clusion of their classic "Surf

#### **Mel Taylor**

Mel Taylor was a pioneer rock 'n' roll drummer, and a vital member of the Ventures throughout most of their career as America's foremost instrumental rock group.

Although Taylor was not a founder member of the Ventures, he played on many of their greatest hits, including the 1964 re-make of "Walk Don't Run" and their version of Hawaii Five-O", the television theme-tune notable for its dramatic drum introduction.

The art of pop drumming was liberated and given a great tures their special sound and

boost by the advent of Surf music during the early Sixties. Instrumental groups like the Chantays, who hit with "Pipeline" in 1963, and the Surfaris, whose "Wipe Out" charted the same year, made heavy use of a compelling new tom-tom rhythm that reached its apogee un "Hawaii Five-O". Rock in

tightly knit shuffle beat, derived mainly from Rhythm and Blues. It was the strong blend of dynamic drumming and echoing guitars that gave the Ven-

roll until then had relied on a

appeal and made them one of the Dolton label in America and the most influential bands of the Sixties, although they in turn were influenced by the surfing

They were formed in Seattle in 1959 by Bob Bogle and Don Wilson (guitars), with Nobie Edwards on bass and Howie Johnson on drums. Their first single, "Walk Don't Run", was recorded for Blue Horizon in 1959. a label formed by Don Wilson's mother. Copies were mailed to DJs, but the record only became a Top Ten hit and a millionon Top Rank in Britain. It was the same year the Shadows scored their big instrumental hit

with "Apache". The Ventures developed the policy of giving a guitar treatment to familiar themes and they had hit with "Perfidia" in 1960 followed by "Ram-Bunk-Shush" in 1961. The same year Howie Johnson was injured in a car crash and was replaced by Mel Taylor.

Thereafter Taylor recorded and toured extensively with the Ventures and was heard on

"Walk Don't Run '64", a reworking of their original 1960 hit. Although fashions changed and the Ventures' popularity waned during the Beatles era, the group scored one of their biggest hits in 1969 with their version of "Hawaii Five-O" which got to No 4 in the US

Billboard chart. Bob Henrit, the Kinks' drummer and anthor of a forthcoming book on percussioo history, says Taylor was an important figure and an excellent performer. He acknowledges that the early Ventures records

made considerable impact on British groups:

We'd never heard anything like those loth-note beats on "Walk Don't Run" on a pop record before. As far as we know Mel Taylor was the drummer on the second version, but there is never enough evidence about these things. It could easily have been Sandy Nelson! And it's a most rodin about who played that a most point about who played that very complicated run on the original TV soundtrack version of "Hawaii Five-O". Many believe it to be the work of session drummer Hal

In 1973 Mel Taylor left the Ventures to form Mel Taylor once more, thanks to the in-

to the fold in 1978 and remained with the band for the next 18 years. They continued to record a stream of albums, many solely for the Japanese market and usually featuring instrumental versions of the hits of the day. As their own hits dried up in Britain and the United States, the band increasingly turned its rock music. attention to Japan where they became hugely popular and toured every year. By the mid-Nineties their clangy guitar sound had become fashionable

and the Dynamics but returned

Rider" in the 1994 Quentin Tarantino film Pulp Fiction when it was performed on the spundtrack by the Lively Ones. In 1996 the Fender musical instrumental makers issued a line of Ventures model electric guitars, as a tribute to the veteran group's contribution to

Chris Weich

Mel Taylor, drummer: born New York City 1934; married (three sons, three daughters); died Los Angeles 11 August 1996.

#### BIRTHS

ROSSITER: On 9 August 1996, to Jan-ice (née Horton) and Throthy, a daughter, Catherine Helen, sister to Jennifer and not forgening Peter. STEW: On 7 August, to Michelle (née Mealor) and Tun, a daughter, Tabitha Alice Dries

DEATHS McCULLOCH: Keith, on L3 August 1990, aged 41. Classics master at

#### Births, Marriages & Deaths

King's School, Worcester, mused devotedly at home by his wife Maureen, and his children Harriet, Frances and

# Clemmic, who all loved him very much. Keith's mother and brothers,

seller, when it was released on

John and Smart are grateful to Man-teen, the children and the maxing feath for the care shown to Keith and for the help, love and kindness of friends and neighbours. Funeral at the Prio-ry, Maivern, 20 August, at 12.45pm. PERRY: Carolene Richards, on Mon day 12 August 1996. Wife of Rupert, mother of Graham, Perri, Alexis and Christopher. Grandmother of Sally and Emil. At peace with berself.

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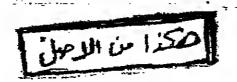
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Hiller, actress, \$4; Miss Rita Hunter, oprano, 63; Lord Ingrow, former Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, 79, Miss Joan Jefferson (Lady Appleyard), former Headmistress, St. Swithun's School, Winchester, 50; Mr Jeck Lynch, former Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, 79; Mr Edward McMillan-Scott, MEP, 47; Sir Patrick Nairne, Chancellor, Essex University, 75; Sir Kenneth Newman, former

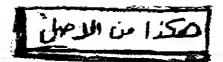
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# the leader page

# The timetable should rule out elitism

This morning a familiar scene is being played out in sixth-form 65 per cent, while today it has risen to hlocks all over the country. Everywhere, nervous groups of 18-year-olds are waiting at their schools to receive the envelopes that contain their futures. There will be tears of joy and of hitter disappointment. Some students will sink to the floor in relief or despair; others will rush home to spread the good news or to lick their wounds in private. There can he few places in England where such extremes of emotion are being displayed today.

These scenes have barely changed in the 45 years since A-levels were first introduced, but in fact almost everything else about them is different. In 1951, less than five per cent of 18-yearolds took the exams, and one in three failed. Now a third take them and six out of seven pass. In the Fifties about 30,000 people went to university each year; this autumn 290,000 will do so. With so many more people taking these exams, common sense would suggest that the pass rate should have gone down. After all, when only the very brightest took them they must have had a better chance of getting through, one might argue. But common

sense is not always right. At first glance it does appear curious that the pass rates have continued to go up while the staying-on rates have grown, but there is no disputing the fig-

65 per cent, while today it has risen to 86 per cent. Not surprisingly, this has led to anguished cries from the traditionalist end of the political spectrum about falling standards. Those who would like to see the education system frozen in its Fifties incarnation argue that we are devaluing our qualifications by allowing more and more people to

To some extent, they are right. Some education academics believe that expansion may have caused a gradual change in examiners' perceptions of who should pass and who should fail. A candidate whose entry appeared only average among a narrow, elite group could appear very good among a much wider range of abilities. Although there has not been any grand conspiracy, the rapid rise in the pass rate - almost two per cent this year is probably due in part to these incremental pressures.

But hefore we throw up our hands in horror and call for oghter codes of conduct for examiners, or even demand the nationalisation of the exam boards, we should think carefully about what we want from our examinations system. Ten years ago a policy decision was taken to expand the higher education system so that the proportion of people going to university would be closer to our economic rivals'. There are some die-hard élitists who hanker for



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

the old days when only a select and tiny hand trooped off to college, while the rest got on in the university of life. But fortunately they are few: the right decision was to expand the numbers in higher education, not only because it is socially proper for the widest possihle range of people to have the oppor-tunity to achieve their full potential, but also because we need a developed workforce. The market for unskilled labour is shrinking, and, without a highly qualified workforce, Britain will not be able to compete. There is no

going back. If we are ready to accept that our

education system should aim to widen access rather than exclude all but a tiny proportion from its upper echelons, we must have an exam system to match. Alevels designed for a tiny proportion of students would be completely inappropriate in the 1990s. So, naturally and gradually, they have changed to meet the demands of the modern system.

Apart from the fact that numbers have increased, teaching methods in universities have changed beyond recognition. A-levels have adapted accordingly. In some subjects they have been broken down into modules that are examined separately rather

than through a final exam, and as a A-level standards is a deep-seated result they fit more closely to the short-course approach that is used in universities. Even if such changes have allowed A-levels to become marginally easier, is that necessarily such a bad thing? At the moment 17 per cent of those who start a course still drop out, and a further 15 per cent fail. No exam system is working properly if it auto-matically consigns a third of its candidates to the scrap heap.

But broadening the scope of A-levels is not enough. We need to measure and accredit students' achievements rather than setting up hurdles that only a small proportion can jump.

There are other university entrance exams. Plans to extend special papers for the very brightest pupils are already afoot, and vocational A-levels are already in place in large numbers of schools. Many mature students win places by taking access courses set up for those without conventional qualifications. Instead of trying to hold on to the past, traditionalists should throw their support behind these exams. Efforts are being made to update the A-level points system so that all students' achievements can count towards university entrance. They should be applauded and encouraged (as well as closely scrutinised). Regarding them with automatic suspicion is no help at

At the heart of the annual row over

élitism which is hard to shake. Even those who publicly support the principle of access for all are less sure in their hearts that they really want it. But the fact is that education is becoming broader and more diverse, and that trend is not going to be reversed. If the examinations system is not allowed to catch up, it will look increasingly like a throwback to the 1950s.

#### The trouble with kids today is...

h, those blue remembered hills! the countryside, climbed trees, picked bluehells, sailed wooden yachts and disappeared for afternoons on end. Now, as our report today reveals, by the age of 10 they are slapping on the lippy, plugging into the Net and imag-ining life with a mortgage, a motor and a mistress.

Some of this is misplaced nostalgia, but some of it is genuinely regrettable. The evidence shows that watching a lot of had TV and silly videos addles the developing hrain. In our cities, danger on the roads imprisons children far more effectively than the fear of strangers. So parents, it's in your hands. Smash your tellies and sell your cars.

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> "plummeting morale", "bland and "really hacked off" from the embattled troops. The RAF's answer to these complaints was to sensitive areas in the RAF ...

morale is at a dangerous low, people are unhappy with the lack of direction and leadership. The real danger in this is to the personnel themselves, because they have the "can do" attitude: their dedication, professionalism and pride will not allow them to admit defeat; they can, however, be broken. If that happens the military and political leadership will have a monumental tragedy on its conscience.

Shooters' Rights Association and its London PR lobbyists defica In declaring an intention to

proceed against a Scottish police force for alleged negligence over the Dunblane killings (report, 13 August) it is, in effect, seeking financial redress from the force. It follows that since Central Scotland police force is funded from Scottish public revenues, any costs arising either from the legal process or, God forbid, from the imposition of an award, will have to be extracted from all of us living or working in Scotland, including the parents of the children killed and wounded at Dunhlane. I could begin to understand the

sense of proceeding against individual senior police officers who ignored advice from those in the lower ranks who felt that Thomas Hamilton was not a fit person to hold a firearms certificate; there might have been some sort of honour in that course, though it would certainly have been a less lucrative option for Guy Savage and his associates. riowever I would hope our junious many would have felt. But what a system, Scottish or English, will see

## morale in the RAF

Crumbling

Sir: Your article "Nimrod on a wing and a prayer" (12 August) merely touched the surface of the problems the RAF and the military are experiencing. Both politicians and senior officers are constantly denying claims that there is any problem of morale or overstretch in today's Air Force. In contrast to these denials, if you talk to the people at the front line (which I do) you will find a force in real despair at what they perceive is a lack of acknowledgement or understanding of their grievances

One only has to read the letters page of the in-house paper the RAF News to find constant references to reassurances", "enough is enough" announce that "letters critical of ... would be subject to vetting"! Is this really the way to treat a

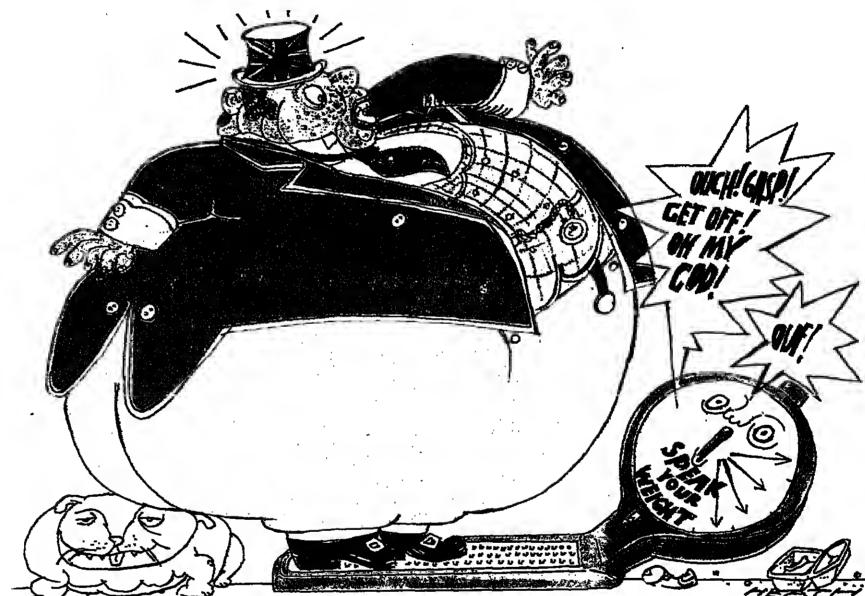
professional, disciplined team? 1 have recently been described, in a national newspaper, by anonymous senior officers as someone who has just been in the cockpit. Someone who has never been at higher levels or exposed to any proper argument and never had anything to do with anything". I acknowledge that I have never held senior office but I have been exposed to enemy fire in the Gulf and in Bosnia; I think this allows me to comment despite the fact that I did not spend my 15 years

behind a desk. The RAF is overstretched, Flight Lieutenant JOHN NICHOL Ripon, North Yorkshire

#### Cynical ploy of the gun lobby Sir. The perverse logic of the

Suddenly the quiet, genteel district of Notting Hill Gate where an American cop show - white trying to placate an increasing frustrated crowd, some of whom own guns. No, the Dunblane

> I also felt ashamed that at the time of the Dunhlane massacre I felt the same tragic apathy that



Obese in our time

#### this cynical ploy for what it is. difference when it is on your own doorstep. GLORIA MORRISON We are told that there is a £600m firearms industry employing 50,000 people. How much of this relates to non-imported combat handguns, London W11 Six: Colonel Michael Badger (letter, rather than perfectly legitimate 13 August) states that "professional guns used for game sports and users" of firearms are not allowed to vermin control? Since a large take their weapons home. Some of presumably sold to police and the categories of "personal weapons" that the armed forces have are military users, and will continue to forbidden to civilians. Moreover,

international and Olympic events).

of their weapons in the same way for

training as do runners and swimmers

Olympic athletes. Must we allow one

Sir. The Labour MP Chris Mullin

tells us that the so-called shooting

grandees, Surely some mistake. The

majority of handguns are owned by

skilled working-class people. They

confiscating their possessions. Has Labour shot itself in the foot?

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have invested a lot of money in their

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have the same dedication as do

man to stop all of this sport?

Stewkley, Buckinghamshire

lobby is controlled by Tory

JM LEWIS

Pistol shooters practise "dry firing"

be sold even if a ban were imposed. troops' weapons are under 24-hour it seems unlikely that we are guard by adequately armed looking at the wholesale personnel. Is he suggesting that the same should apply to a central store destruction of an industry. DAVID J BLACK of civilian weapons? That could only be performed by the police. Shooting competitions take place Sir. Last night, after a rare all over the country. The participants have to travel many miles to participate (and some of these are

midweek drink with a friend, as my son is holidaying with his grandmother, I couldn't get into my home as several roads were cordoned off by the police because we were told there had been an 'armed incident".

quantity of handguns are

I live had become something from barrier tape and swarms of police had been waiting for several hours. The anger and fear I felt last night was compounded this morning by the attitudes of those arguing for the rights of individuals who wish to parents are not out for "revenge" (report, 14 August). They are out for every parent who like me was relieved that my child did not have to witness the fear and distress from police and public alike that an "armed incident" can cause.

#### Hume's view on frozen embryos

Sir: Frances Kissling (Letters, t3 August) professes to find a contrast between the Vatican and Cardinal Hume on the subject of frozen embryos. In his recent statement the Cardinal explicitly reiterated the Church's teaching that "human life begins at the time of fertilisation, when a human embryo results from the fusion of egg and spenn. It is morally wrong to destroy such a human life even in its earliest stages

Far from "cool acceptance" of the destruction of frozen embryonic human lives, the Cardinal characterised it as a symptom of the moral cul-de-sac into which acceptance of IVF has led our society. Given a situation in which every proposed exit bristles with moral difficulties, the Cardina preferred, on balance, the option of allowing embryos to die, once unfrozen – though not carrying out acts of direct destruction. He did not rule out the alternative of "adoption", subject to the Church's further consideration of the significant difficulties involved. No authoritative statement has been

issued by Rome expressing a view on these options. Understanding of embryonic development has evolved in the 16 centuries since St Augustine, and quite radically so in the past 20 years. Contrary to what Ms Kissling implies, recent scientific knowledge tends to confirm rather than undermine the Church's teaching on the beginnings of human life. She refers to "thousands" of spontaneous

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abortions. This loss of human life is not as profligate as implied (between 8 per cent and 12 per cent according to reliable studies). But many case, spontaneous abortion is no more an argument for procured abortions than spontaneous dying is for

Ms kissling also wonders why the Church has not advocated research in this area. In fact, the Cardinal called for research and funding for alternative means of treating human infertility that would be more successful than IVF and would not involve profligate sacrifice of early human lives.

The Cardinal identified respect for human life as the central drive of the pro-life movement. Presumably "Catholics for a Free Choice" would think it right to restrict the freedom to choose to destroy human life in the womh at some stage prior to birth. NICHOLAS COOTE Assistant General Secretary Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales London SWI

#### Crusaders

Sir: I read Robert Fisk's article on the Crusaders (1 August) in which he refers to me as having visited him a few months ago. 1 rang Fisk on Friday 21 April 1995 (16 months ago) and announced to him the appearance of my booklet. A
Message to His Holiness the Pope and wanted him to cover it. Later in the day a Lebanese friend of Fisk visited me and got the booklet. While this clarification is marginal

to the good article Fisk wrote, yet it is necessary to put it down. Dr GEORGES IABBOUR Former Adviser to the President of the Syrian Republic

#### Royal economies

Sir. In holding the Japanese imperial family up as a shining example, Peter Martin (letter, 14 August) scems unaware that here considerable reductions in royal staff numbers have already been made since the last war, and now published reports on palace spending show that great economies have been achieved.

Recently the Queen has volunteered to pay income tax (in addition to the indirect taxation to which she was always liable) and has undertaken the burden of the Civil List payments to all her relatives, except her husband and mother. It would be quite unreasonable to begrudge the hard-working and deservedly popular Princess Anne her title of Princess Royal, JENNIFER MILLER London SW15

#### Birth of Figaro

Monsieur: In her entertaining piece about tragedy (The DIY University, 14 August) Edith Hall says that the French dramatist Beaumarchais composed the libretto for Mozart's Marriage of Figuro. Pas vrai. The libretto was by the amusing old Lorenzo Da Ponte. Beaumarchais' various plays about Figaro and his chums provided the inspiration for this opera plus others by Rossini, Paisiello and Massenet. D. DAVID DEVLIN

#### Bad vibes on ultrasound

Sir. I sit down for a moment's quiet read, feeling exhausted, sick and 19 weeks pregnant, after a morning running around after my 16-month tornado. Tomorrow I'm off for my ultrasound scan - modern technology with no side-effects -and what am I faced with in today's Independent (13 August)? An expose on the safety of ultrasound

Great. It appears now that there is a risk to the future speech system of my baby if 1 go through with it. A small risk, but none the less the seed has been sown. We are currently enjoying our existing like turtle, sky, biscuit, so it seems he has escaped the threat of speech delay after being zapped himself as a 19-week foetus. By going along tomorrow for the scan, now no longer ignorant of its potential dangers, am 1 knowingly putting the hrain of this child at

I don't think anyone will know for sure by tomorrow, so I'll drink the three pints of liquid, hope that my bladder doesn't explode in the waiting room, and pray that bad luck or bad rays don't strike my LHAMILTON Aldbourne, Wiltshire

# Struggle for

peace in Angola Sir. Bob Hughes, Malcolm Harper and others (letter, 12 July) stated that Unita was the main impediment to the peace process in

Angola.

The quartering of the Unita soldiers has been slower than expected because of logistical problems which had little to do with Unita. Having surmounted them, Unita has now quartered more than 61,000 men, almost the total number of its soldiers. In July, Unita handed in its heavy weapons. Blondin Beye, the United Nations special representative in Angola, has commended Unita for doing everything to carry out the Lusaka accords.

We were surprised by the condemnatory sweep of the letter. The authors preferred to remain silent on the obligations of the Angolan government stemming from the accords. The last report of the United Nations Security Council, for instance. called upon the Angolan government to observe the disarmament of the armed civilians; to help in the creation of a unified, integrated army; to promote the observation of human rights; to allow the United Nations to start an independent radio station in

Luanda. Talk about the "quality" of Unita men who were supposed to go to the quartering camps is mappropriate. In the Lusaka Protocol, it is not stipulated that Unita ought only to bring fit combatants. Unita is a guerrilla force begun in 1966 to resist the Portuguese and then to fight MPLA domination. Hoping that its ranks would be filled with thousands of Rambo lookalikes is to expect much. ANIBAL KANDEYA Inited Kingdom Representative The National Union for the Independence of Angola

# And man became God

The artificial creation of human embryos has led to pressing new dilemmas. Peter Popham asks whether scientific innovation has outstripped our social and moral codes

"These, he waved his hand, "un the incubators." And opening un insidated door he showed them racks upon racks of numbered test tubes. The week's supply of Ova. Kept," he explained, "at blood heat; whereas the male gametes," and here he opened another door, they have to be kept at 35

"Bokanovsky's Process," repeated the Director. But one of the students was fool enough to ask where the

advantage lay "My good boy!" The Director wheeled sharply round on him. 'Can't you see?" He raised a hand; his expression was solemn. Bokanovsky's Process is one of the major instruments of social

ixty-five years ago, in Brave New World, Aldous Huxley deshas haunted the century: a ward of buman bahies in sterile tanks, gently swelling towards their perfect, painless hirths. In his vision of the future, humanity had mastered the science of genetics, and applied it to perpetuate a society of mind-less conformity and leisure.

This week, Huxley's premo-nition came closer to realisation than ever before: a team of Japanese and British scientists announced that they were experimenting with a hi-tech tank in which a foetus would be able to grow to full term without ever knowing a human

It was only the latest of numerous news stories that have made evident that the future of science fiction speculation is the future no longer: It is already with us. Yet late 20th century reality differs from the visions of dystopians like Huxley in that these sinister possibilities are brought about not through the agency of an omnipotent state, but through the attempts of doctors and scientists, tenuously controlled by government, to add to the sum of human happiness, or reduce the sum of

human misery. news that some 3,000 unclaimed frozen embryos embryos or the abortion of a enable him to do that means

were, in conformity with the law, to be destroyed having reached the statutory age limit of five years. The outcry pro-voked by this slnughter of the innocents was barely stilled before the news emerged that a woman pregnant with twins had been granted what is called a "selective termination" to abort one of them, after claiming that she would be unable to cope with both.

Again, mass moral panic ensued. The anti-abortion campaign had not had such a shot in the arm for years, and its efforts to induce the mother-tobe to hear both twins were only cut short when it emerged that the abortion had already

Finally there was the tragicomic case of Mandy Allwood, pregnant with octuplets after disregarding her doctor's advice to remain chaste while undergoing fertility treatment, who with her errant partner Paul has since been strapped to the roller-coaster of first test tube baby, Louise

twin merely confirms them in their fundamental faith that we are reaping the moral dis-aster that Sixties permissiveness

creating numerous embryos, which, if not used, must then be

Awareness that their own embryos are dying in the labo-ratory, while they themselves

have yet to conceive, is one of

the many traumas experienced by couples undergoing IVF treatment. In order to avoid that

trauma many couples opt to

have their embryos frozen, giv-

ing them the opportunity of try-

ing for one or more further pregnancy in the years ahead. But it is only a way of postpon-ing the problem. Sooner or later

they must decide to give them

away to another, embryo-less

couple, donate them to research

or have them destroyed. Given

that each emhryo contains

human life (but not, it can be

argued, "personhood"), none of the options is easy.

The mass destruction of

embryos in July was due to fact

that an arbitrary five-year limit

bas been put on the storage of

embryos which are unclaimed,

and that limit was reached,

None of the embryos - the product of some 900 couples -

Does freezing damage embryos? The jury is out, A recent French

report suggested some cell

damage; in an experiment with

mice horn from frozen

embryos, the mice did fine until mouse old age, when they

reportedly deteriorated fast.

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had been claimed.

disposed of.

But it is those who acknowledge the pain of pregnant women appalled by the prospect of becoming mothers, and of infertile couples appalled by the prospect of childlessness, and who believe that if medical science can help them it should be allowed to, who have the moral dilemma - or, rather, multiple

Human agency creates buman responsibility. Left to itself, nature is full of failures and mistakes and waste. Miscarriages, the wastage of embryos that fail to take in the womb, handicaps, sterility: all of these are the work of nature to which the hlissfully simple response of the pro-lifers is endurance and resignation. But when, 18 years ago, Dr Ralph Steptoe engineered the

The challenge now for those who endorse liberal society's achievements in reducing suffering is to find legislative solutions for these new questions

tabloid celebrity. The outcome of her pregnancy remains to be

The subtext of all these stories is that the moral ramifications of the creation, preservation and termination of human life are intensely complex and hard to resolve. We have put in place laws and statutory authorities which we sincerely trust will ensure that what happens in the nation's surgeries and clinics is morally and medically satisfactory; but human frailty and the impera-tives of scientific development continually explode the comfortable assurance that we have got it roughly right.

In the ensuing confusion, it is the pro-life campaigners. with their dogmatic certainties, who have made hay: the widespread anguish about the incineration of unwanted

Brown, he accepted on behalf of his profession God's creative prerogative - but was unable to claim God's immunity from hlame. Man has now established his own thriving corner of creation, but it's a corner with his own highly peculiar set of questions and

in lay people's minds for the first time in the past few weeks. Here are some of the

Why must embryos die? Embryos die all the time: naturally, during a woman's menstrual cycle, and in the embryologist's laboratory because there is no certainty that a given embryo implanted in the womh will result in pregnancy, and if it doesn't the doctor wants another attempt at it. To

gium persuaded at least one British fertility clinic that freezing embryos was without risks, and they duly began doing it. Aside from the question of damage, the freezing option raises the thorny problem of the psychological effect of their problems, too.

Many of them have surfaced origins on children who might. if the British guidelines were to change, he born long after their

> abortion of a twin a watershed? So-called "selective termination" or "selective reduction" of foetuses in the womb has been carried out before, but only when multiple embryos implanted during IVF treat-ment bave all taken, and the termination of one or more foetuses is necessary to ensure the wellbeing of the other(s). The case reported two weeks ago was the first time in Britain that a twin had been aborted for social reasons - because the mother felt that she would be unable to cope A similar case was reported Tuesday, the preg-

having twins.

The public's misgivings about the destruction of half a pair of twins for the mother's convenience, misgivings beartily stoked by the pro-life movement, has helped to reopen a more general debate information about its use here. about abortion. The original Of course the details of all

nant woman voicing ber fear

that her partner would leave

her if she went ahead with

Act legalising abortion in 1967 was designed to eliminate backstreet abortions: it was explicitly not meant to sanction anction on demand. Yet today, it is argued, the liberality of doctors means that an abortion on demand system is what we have: only 2 per cent of the 184,000 abortions carried out in Britain annually for medical

What are the other reasons that abortion is back in the news? Last month the Conservative MP Elizabeth Peacock asked a question in the House of Commons about the occurrence here of a method of termination know as "partial birth abortion, which involves withdrawing the foetus until only the head remains inside. then piercing the skull and sucking the brains out until the bead collapses. This gruesome-sounding procedure is common in America, but her question failed to clicit any grim reading, but concern about this practice, which Mrs Peacock shares with more than 50 other MPs. has also helped to re-ignite the abortion debate.

Why did Mandy Allwood conceive octuplets?

Because she disregarded her doctor's advice. In the month that she conceived, she was taking a fertility drug and he had evidence that it was proving more effective than intended. Accordingly be instructed her to refrain from sex. But she didn't.

Who decides who gets fertility

treatment?

IVF treatment, the last resort for infertile couples who bave tried everything else, is said to be increasingly hard to obtain on the National Health Service: patients are required to wait two years or more. As a result, more and more of those desperate for children are

ahortion procedures make vately, at a cost of £700-£2,500 sumerist attitude to their babies per cycle. Success is far from guaranteed: hirth rates vary from 0 to 20 per cent, giving a national average of 14 per cent.

But other, less drastic forms of fertility treatment, such as the drug prescribed to Mandy Allwood, are far more widely available. It is the doctor's duty to consider the bealth of his patients, not their social or financial circumstances: there is no machinery for policing who may or may not be entitled to such treatments.

What has genetic testing got to do with all this? Medicine's ability to diagnose

diseases prenatally is advancing by leaps and bounds: already netic testing can identify foetuses suffering from conditions such as cystic fibrosis or muscular dystrophy. In the near future many other ailments will be tracked down in the womh. But the only treatment available for such ailments is abortion. As parents are encouraged undergoing treatment pri- to adopt an increasingly con-

-demanding only perfection, as if they were huying an item in a department store - the idea of the sanctity of life becomes ever hazier. All the moral dilemmas The visite of

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thrown up by the developments in embryology and con-nected fields stem from the urge to gratify the desires of women and couples - to have habies, not to have habies, to have more babies, and so on. The embryology revolution is one that liberal society has inspired and smiled on.

The Warnock Commission, which reported in 1984, led to the setting up of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority of 1990, designed to regulate these issues. The fact that we are in a moral firestorm suggests that its remit has been outstripped hy science. The challenge now for those who endorse liberal society's achievements in reducing suffering and increasing the sum of bappiness is to find legislative solutions for these new dilemmas.



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## Forgotten your car number? Make it up

of the very first car I owned. La Renault Dauphine called RUN 169, but I cannot rememher the number of any car I have ever had subsequently. That includes the one I have got at the moment.

Which has sometimes been

embarrassing when I bave been filling in registration forms at hotels or simply reporting to places with private car parks. "Car registration number?", says the form sweetly or the desk man roughly, and I sweat with humiliation. You can't say "It's G something I think", because that is plumbing the depths of whatever the opposite of machismo is. Usually I wink and smile and say, "I'll just gn and have a look", and pop outside to have a look, and they smile when I come back, because they cannot imagine that I am possibly popping outside to have a look and think I must be joking.

But I am not. Now, however, I have learnt to remember my car number, because it has been stolen from me here in Edinburgh,

can remember the number and I had to memorise it before I reported it to the police. I had parked the car outside the Pleasance, where I am performing, and when I left it it had two number plates and when I came back it only had one. The front number plate had gone. It's strange how naked a car looks without a number on the front. Or perhaps it makes it look as if it is

wearing a mask. "It's almost certainly illegal to drive around without a number plate," my wife said. 'We are almost certainly breaking some regulation every time we go out in a car," I said.

"True," she said. "But seldom as obviously as by driving around without a number plate."

True. So the next morning I got up, fed the meter and approached a friendly traffic warden. At least, be was friendly when it became clear I wasn't either going to plead or argue with him.

"I've bnd my front number plate nicked," I said. "What should I do?" He had no idea. He talked



Miles Kington

into the little phone on his shoulder to the boss. "There's a fellow here had his number plate stolen. What should he do ? Uh huh ... Aye ...

He turned to me. Report to to the West End police station in Torphichen When a Scotsman says

"Torphichen", it comes out as a cloud of saliva, but eventually I got him to write it down and off I went to the West End police station, which is not half as grand as it sounds - in fact, all police stations seem to acquire a dusty brown air of resignation and sloth from their hirth, and this one was

Took the number plate and left the car, did they?" said the policeman. You were lucky." "But why would anyone want to steal a number plate?"

"Well, these days a lot of

cars are stolen to order, then they have to get a number plate to go with it. What's the number of your car?" I resisted the urge to say that I would pop out and have a look. In fact, to guard against

this I had already written the number down on my hand. I sneaked a look. "It's G357 UAM."

I wasn't quite sure of this, as the way I had written the G looked like a C, but it sounded near enough, and I thought a C reg car would probably be too old. (You can tell how much I know about cars.) "Right," said the friendly policeman, waving a theft report form at me. "Take this and if anyone stops you, show them this. That'll get you on your way again. We'll be in touch if we find a stolen car with your number.

What he didn't say was whether or even where I should buy a new one. I don't know

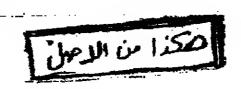
where you should go in Edinburgh to get car number plates. What I do know is that in the print shop round the corner from me they sell self-adhesive letters of just the right size and typeface for a number plate, so as a temporary measure I marched in and said that I wanted a G and a 3 and a 5 and a 7 and a U and an A and an

memorise my number. "Sorry," said the man. "We've got the rest, but we're

M. Already I was beginning to

out of the letter A." After a little debate I bought a V and a hyphen, so that I could turn the V upside down and stick the hyphen across to convert it into an A. Seconds later I was kneeling in front of my car, peeling the hacking off letters, getting them stuck on my hand, peeling them off my hand and sticking them on to my car. I now have the only car in Edinhurgh with paper letters on the front which look as if they had been arranged by a child during her first day at kindergarten. But at least I can remember the number of

mv car.



#### ony Blair is a practising Christian." whined Mr Peter Mandelson in the Evening Standard, "Whatever you think of his political views, to portray him as the Devil is a crass, clumsy move". "Mr Blair is depicted flashing his characteristically winning smile," reported the Daily Telegraph, "but his eyes have been replaced by those of a demonic alien". Vilifying members of other political parties is a puerile exercise, thundered the Bishop of Oxford, "and when that vilifying draws on satanic imagery..." Whoa, whoa there, hang on What is all this baloney about the Devil? The Tory party's poster of Mr Blair looking rather dashing in a mask has, as far as I can see, no connection whatever with the Homed One. Its provenance is perfectly obvious to all - all, that is, who

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John WALSH Who was that masked man? Certainly not Labour's Lucifer, more a groovy Disney outlaw

Master of the Revels who rabble-rouses through the streets inviting the locals to feats of misbehaviour. He is, i transpires, leader of the groovy outlaws at a Bohemian nightchub called the Cave of Miracles.

He is, in other words, an absolutely modern hero driven, hedonistic and on the side of right. And if there's any doubt about Maurice Saatchi's subversive intentions in thus portraying the leader of the Opposition, just look at Clopin's sidekick, the orthopaedically challenged Quasimodo, Am I dreaming or are we looking at the features of Mr John Prescott, fresh from scoffing fish and chips on the Cleethorpes strand?

The Rev Donald Recres Rector of St James's, Rector of St James's, Piccadilly, is something of a caution. Along with being the living embodiment of hyper-liberal Christianity; apart from having opened his glamorously-sited London church to every brand of New church to every brand of New Age crystal-fancying weirdiosity and allowed market stalls and vendors to flourish in the annexe as if virtually begging some modern-day Christ to wade in

and evict them; aside from setting up his church's commercial concerns as a trading company called "St James's PCC" – together with all these bold ventures, Mr Reeves has developed a nice line in explanatory rhetoric.

I have before me a

newsletter from Charibury with Shortbampton in rural Oxfordshire, where the rector has run the local Coffeehouse for a year, with his friend Peter Pelz. It has, Reeves tells us, drawn "mild, friendly curiosity as to why a priest should be running a business". Very understandable, But instead of answering the parishioners' curiosity by saying "To make a profit", or "Because I am a

colossal bread-head", Reeves retreats behind a blizzard of exegesis. "The Eucharist has come to mean so much more to me since my immersion in ess," he trills. "The bread and wine are not just expressions of the bounty of God, they reflect different ways of production. istribution and exchar The bread stands also for our coloitation of nature, the

litterness of competition, for

business that makes the rich richer and the poor poorer. The wine ... " But you get the picture. It strikes me as masterly the way Mr Reeves justifies his capitalist endeavours by saving they encourage him to reflect on how awful they are....

friend has returned from his summer hols in Athe States, positively fizzing with excitement. One moment he was stuck in the depths of New Hampshire, expecting little in the way of fun and excitement. Then he heard an announcement on the car radio and rushed to the Hampton Beach Casino ("the Great Yarmouth of New



Disney time: John Prescott and Tony Blair, obviously

England", apparently) to catch the 30th anniversary concert by The Monkees, the ersatz but not umpleasing Sirgies popsters created by television executives to cash in on the popularity of The Beatles. My friend watched entranced as the ageing pranksters bounced through the Monkees

A Little Bit Me. A Little Bit You" and "Last Train to Clarksville" and their big bit "I'm a Believer". He looked at what the ravages of time had done to Davy Jones, the Shortarse English one, and Micky Dolenz, the Wacky one who was in Circus Boy, and Peter Tork the Dimwitted drummer, and ... But there was no sign of the fourth, the



the commentators

And then there were three -

Woofly Hatted nne, aka Mike Nesmith. Why wasn't he there? My friend asked some nearby fans and heard the damnedest thing. I haven't been able to check its veracity. so it remains in the realm of bizarre claims: Mike Nesmith, they said, is simply too rich to have to work; he's been that way ever since his mather inveoted Tipp-Ex. There now. Who says you can't learn anything from diary columns?

Fillowers of the Tube dispute will have been weighing up all the arguments and counterclaims advanced by London Fransport and Aslef: pay stages below the inflation rate, cuts in working bours, all that. But a completely original factor was

iotroduced this week by Bob Crewe, assistant general secretary of the RMT. At a press conference broadcast on Carlton's London Tonight, Mr Crewe conceded that the shorter working period offered by LT was indeed an attractive prospect, but "Having more time off, my members will actually need more finance for leisure activities," and so they couldn't accept a pay cut. Brilliant, eh? Give us more time off, it argues, and you'll have to pay us more to subsidise it.

There was a time when "leisure" simply meant "not working", and suggested a period of peace and quiet, a stroll in the bosom of nature. a time of reflection, conversation, philosophical musings, even romance none of them (except perhaps the last-named) activities that involved any expenditure at all. Mr Crewe's ingenious suggestion that every second of one's leisure time should be spent in emrbitaothy-priced activities" suggests a man who has spent too long vanking one-arm bandits in laces called "Playland" and Crystal Rooms".

# The killing of Fr Gray

The violent death of a priest outside his church has broken another taboo. We are all diminished by it, argues Paul Vallely

nother death. another boundary. This time it is a vicar who has died at the hands of a violent man. And so we add the blood of a priest to that of the London headmaster, Philip Lawrence, and the Dublin journalist, Veronica Guerin, in the catalogue of those who have died in recent times while simply doing their jobs.

With each it seems a new taboo is broken. There was a wheo oon-domestic murder was something was restricted to gangland culture; our fear was contained by the supposition that, from the Krays to the Mafia or the modern warring drug-dealers, "they only killed their own kind". No longer. Our age has become so mured to the casualness of violeot death that the average killing of a man in a puh brawl rates only a paragraph in the national oewspapers, if it makes the

oews at all. And yet there is still something profoundly shocking about certain deaths. The teacher is stabbed during his attempt to impart moral correction. The journalist is shot while fearlessly seeking after the truth. And oow the priest dies in a pool of his own blood while making himself available, with great vulnerability, to the

despised and rejected. They were people of service, doing their jobs - and in an exemplary manner - so that their deaths seem more than a

whereby society brands some actions more than perpetually forbidden but marks them, in some unwritten way, as taboo. They break the limits that lead to chaos. Like the death of the children of Dunblane or a toddler such as James Bulger open, trusting, innocent and

These deaths are time in public imagination a violation of some kind of trust, a compact

> epitomising everything we hold sacred about childhood - they strike at what society cherishes at its centre, where it needs to

In part it is that our taboo gainst violence in general has been croded. But such profanities strike at our hearts and reinforce a sense that older, better values are in terrifying collision with a oew nihilism. Statistics tell us that the world is no more violent a place today than it was in previous eras; our children are statistically as safe now as they have ever been. And throughout history terrible crimes have always happened.

Yet there is more to this than moral panic. When a ourse is anacked on a ward, or a doctor oo his or her rounds, or an aid worker is killed in a far-off place, our sense of shock

tragedy. They are a violation of is augmented by one of moral some kind of trust, a compact outrage. That someone who is not taking risks for personal gaio, nor even is just a casual bystander, but who is there to help can be obliterated for no apparent reason underscores r sense of pointlessness.

The killing of a journalist is a taboo long shattered in many parts of the world. Mobsters in the United States, faction-leaders in Bosnia, drug-dealers and even governments in Latin America have wilfully murdered reporters in an attempt to silence them. But taboos are culturally specific. It has oot happened in Britain and Ireland, even in the face of decades of killing in Ulster, so the gunning down of Veronica Guerin shocked both nations.

In a similar way there is nothing new about the murder of priests. Yet from Thomas à Becket onwards the killing of clerics has most often been bound up with politics or political symbolism. Men like Oscar Romero may have been motivated entirely by the gospel, but his stand in El Salvador brought him into conflict with the vested interests of the rich and powerful. The bishop blown up in Algeria recently was regarded by his Islamic assassins not as a culpable individual but as a symbol of the cultural and eco-

nomic imperialism of the West. The only killing of a elergyman in Britain in recent times was that of an elderly Catholic priest hit on the head at his home by burglars in South-wark a couple of years ago. But



olchildren pay their respects to the murdered heading

Fr Christopher Gray was not killed merely for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. He was killed in the mundane exercise of his ministry which ple who are most in need of help.

The Church of England's decision to maintain a presence in every parish in the country means that often in inner-city areas the only professional actually living in the area is the Anglican minister. The destitute, the desperate and the dangerous therefore stream to the presbytery door making life for the minister extremely trying. And yet the church is the nne place where people like that can go wheo everyooe else

has rejected them.

people from behind the safety of the glass-sheeted social security desk. It is part of our society's claim to civilised values that there are still men like Christopher Gray whose vocation is to deal face to face with the winos and drug addicts, some nf whom can be extremely violent, and attempt to comfort them with little more than a sandwich, a

cup of tea and a chat. Clergymen are not trained to do this. It is a skill they pick up in their early years as curates. Most priests become quite hard-headed about establishing the boundaries of such ministry. But if some, especially the younger and more idealistic, do oot find it easy to draw the line under an unsatisfactory encounter, that only reflects the

tions - the commedia dell'arte

in Italy, Lope de Vega and co in Spain, Molière in France, and so on. "Comedian" came

to mean any actor, and so the

Comédie-Française can put

on innumerable tragedies.

Shakespeare, however, broke

down the boundaries of the

genre irreparably. The Mer-

calling involves. In the case of Christopher Gray – a person-able young man with a brilliant academic background and great talent as a musician and inguist - it appears to have cost him his life.

Nn wonder David Shepherd, the Bishop of Liverpool, ves-terday described the killing of Fr Gray as "an event of sheer evil". Part of the nature of evil is that it is incomprehensible. There is no making sense of it. It exists in some region beyond rational thought, where no explanation is possible.

Of course, we attempt expla-nations. "If we ban guns our children's lives will not have been lost in vain," say the par-ents of the murdered childreo of Dunblanc. But it is a desextent of the sacrifice such a perate attempt to harter with

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especially politicians, parody

of every art-form and sacred

cow - only the leather phal-

lus is missing. Once again the contemporary world is the

shit and comedy is the fan.

Comedy refuses to stand

still (or long enough for you to

inspect it under the micro-

scope. And if you tear a bit off

for close examination, it looks

pretty damn unfunny (as

Freud, Bergson, Bakhtin and

others have so amply demon-

strated). The most important

general point is that it is not

enough to say that comedy is

simply any performance that

aims to make people laugh. All sorts of buffoonery, and

some sorts of sadism or of sad

failure, can make people

laugh; and yet they are an

insult to the name of comedy.

the unnegotiable, to make some inroads into the meaninglessness and somehow make it understandable.

The killing of anyone is evil, but where that person is working for good that evil is particularly exaggerated. It is in only cases like that of Christopher

Gray that we seem to rediscover our ability, and our oeed, to be shocked. But with each shattered taboo the boundaries for that outrage recede. The next incident will seem somehow marginally less shocking, And we are all diminished for

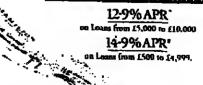
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t can be a grim business, the academic study of comedy. Studeots who are made to read Freud on jokes and laughter may never smile again. For a start, it is depressingly difficult to make any true generalisations on the subject. George Bernard Shaw offered: "the popular defini-tion of tragedy is heavy drama in which everyone is killed in the last act, comedy being light drama, in which everyone is married in the last act".

But this shot at definition is even less true of comedy than it is of tragedy. It is not even true of Aristophanes - the earliest comic playwright whose plays we have - let alone of Tom Stoppard or the Marx Brothers.

Aristophanes's comedies in the later fifth century BC were a world away from butlers with cucumber sandwiches. They were totteringly built on zany ideas such as constructing "Cloudcuckooland" in the sky, or rowing to Hades across a river of singing frogs to fetch back a dead poet. The actors wore ugly masks and grotesque padding and, if play-ing a male role, sported a monstrous leather phailus. The plays were stuffed with obscenity, jibes about current affairs, and fun at the expense of philosophers, composers, tragedians and, above all politicians. No cow was too

sacred, no family too royal, no poet too laureate, no politician too major to escape the bad taste and squishy dung-balls of

But things changed from this fantastical interference in the cootemporary world to the relatively detached gentility of the so-called New Comedy. Athens lost power and confidence, audiences became more prudish and sentimental. Less than 100 years later, the plays called "comedy", exemplified by Menander, were so differ-ent that you might wonder why they had the same name. Rich old men are hoodwinked by checky slaves, tarts have hearts of gold, babies are lost and found, and boy marries girl in the end. When the Romans came along, they found this kind of comedy ready-made, and took it over into their language, which was still emerging from the linguistic swamp. And so we still have Latin plays by Plautus and Terence

(roughly 220-150 BC). There was not much theatre in the Middle Ages, which was oot perhaps the most amusing of eras to be in. "Comedy" came to mean any story with a reassuring ending - hence Dante's Divine Comedy, much of it set among the agonies of hell. With the new age of the Renaissance, Roman comedy sprouted a whole family of transforma-



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chant of Venice, for example, is described as a "Comical History"; and if Troillus and Cressida is, as claimed, a comedy, then it is a pretty sour one. It is hardly surprising that old Polonius in Hamlet goes on about "tragical-comical-historical-pastoral."

petuated and endlessly varied its cast of cuckoided husbands, frisky widows, ingenious servants, quack doctors and priests, old retainers, swag-gering officers ... and in the end, "anyone for a wedding?" In this century the label of

comedy" has often been applied with a kind of dark irony by such disturbers of the peace of mind as Durenmatt, Beckett, Ionesco and Pinter. Lately oo the home froot, in this post-good era, there has, however, been a return to the old Aristophanic kind of comedy, at least in radio and TV and stand-up routines, if not so much in the theatre (vet). Zany lunacies, cavorting

Yet the comedy of manners and foibles lived on. It per-

What all comedy does have to do is to use laughter as its access to the hearts and minds of its audience; the desire for laughter is the hunger that comedy caters for. This feast is made possible through laughter, and would be impossible without it. But the laughter is the appetite, not the meal itself, in the hands of an Aristophanes or Molière or Synge or Chaplin: laughing matters can be serious food for

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# Foul, abusive and embarrassing language it's par for the course on the floor of Liffe

NIC CICUTTI

A top trader on the London laternational Financial Futures and Options Exchange, the biggest derivatives exchange in Europe, has been fioed for using foul, anusive and emharrassing language against a member of staff.

Colin "Ned" Kelly, who works at one of Liffe's most prestigious firms. Hills Independent Traders, was fined £500 for abusing one of the Exchange's floor-

About 18 mooths ago Mr Kelly, who is reputed to earn more than £250,000 a year, was the subject of a complaint that he abused a black trader. It was alleged that he jumped up and down, imitating a habooo and making monkey noises at the

Colleagues of Mr Kelly said the fine, levied in the past month or so and notified on the Exchange's disciplinary noticeboard, was ootable for its rela-

Each month, a oumber of fines of £50 or more are levied against Liffe's young traders for a range of offences, including swearing, jostling, flicking trad-ing cards at each other, moving out of their allotted positions, even fighting in the trading floor's pits, where business activity takes place daily.

Mr Kelly's behaviour was considered graver by Liffe's disciplinary body because the person he abused was one of its officials rather than a colleague.

Traders suggested the pattern of fines levied by the Exchange is symptomatic of an aggressive. racist culture pervasive among Liffe's traders, many of them young men who have come on to the trading floor straight

from school. The culture of aggressive "work and play" that prevails at Liffe is said to be fosicred by intense competition in the pits, where trading is carried out by hundreds of people in "open outcry", striking deals by

traditional face-to-face methods. We are oot all like this, but there are some serious animals down there," one trader said. "There are some people who you would not like to meet in a pub at 10.30pm, after they have had a few drinks."

Io one iocident last year, trouble among traders flared af-ter a meal in a private dining

Sure there are people who will scream and shout. This is a high-testosterone

business'

room at one of London's most exclusive restaurants turned into an ugly fracas in which the police were called, although oo criminal charges were brought.
Oo another occasion, a traders' night out in a curry house in the Brick Lane area of east Londoo ended in a fight when, in a case of mistakeo identity, local Bengali youths beof a neo-Nazi organisation.

In September, sniffer dogs were brought on to the trading floor after a young trader was caught with cannabis. Other traders said that while spot searches had reduced the likelihood of drugs being discov-

"speed", or amphetamine sulphate, was still relatively commoo among traders.
One trader who oo longer

works in the pit but deals by telephone, said: "You have to remember that we are talking about people who may be trading on their own behalf and could be losing several thou-sands of pounds in a matter of minutes. It's hardly surprising that in the heat of the moment they could scream abuse at each other."

A trader who has been at Liffe for some 18 mooths, said: "If you are black you will get called nigger, jungle bunny or things like that. Some guys will just have a go. Racism should not be a thing that happens but when people get put together in a stressful environment it does

Another trader, a member of the Liffe board, who refused to be named, said: "Sure, there are some people who will scream and shout. But this is a high-testosterooe business, with those working in it aged be-tween 18 and 30. Some are even younger. The things they get up to are typical of your average working-class kid.

"I can honestly say that things like racism don't go on here. I've got an Asian and a West Indian guy working for me and they don't get any abuse.

There night be the odd

word, like if you have a certain type of hair they might call you Curty. But if you were balding, you might be called Skull. It is part of hanter and will come from your own colleagues, not from other firms."

While up to 30 per cent of those on the Liffe floor are now women, most carry out back-of-



Fever pitch; Colin 'Ned' Kelly (circled) has been fined £500 for unruly behaviour against an official observer on the Liffe trading floor

fice functions or are "yellowjackets", runners betweeo traders and their firm's box. The Exchange said yesterday that it does not keep records of people from ethnic minorities who work on the floor.

Karin Forseke, director of operations and surveillance at Liffe, yesterday refused to give the Liffe board, confirmed yes-

details of any fine levied on Kelly, saying it was not the Ex-. change's practice to announce disciplinary action taken against members. Mr Kelly could not be

contacted for comment. Steve Hills, joint managing director of Hills Independent Traders and also a member of

terday that Mr Kelly had been fined by the Exchange.

"One of the things that highlight a good trader is 'pit awarewhere you are aware of what is happening 20 feet away even when everyone around

you is shouting their heads off," Mr Hills said.

and wheo he shouts, I can sometimes hear him 20 yards away in my box, above all the

other shouting.
I think Colin was upset that one of his trades was not heard and he may have felt that he was being ignored. He moved across the other side of the pit [to make the trade] and was then asked .

[by an 'observer'] to get back.

He may have shouted at the official a hit. Colin now accepts that what he did was wrong and that whatever happens you do not have a go at the referee." Mr Hills said he backed Liffe's get-tough policy against traders, particularly in cases of abuse of

# Ofgas delays final pricing formula

**CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent** 

The gas industry regulator, Ofgas, is to wait another week before releasing its controversial final price formula for the British Gas pipeline business. TransCo. Sources within British Gas suggested the differences between the two sides over the price controls remained un-bridgeable, and TransCo employees were oow starting the lengthy and complex task of preparing for a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Ofgas said the final propos-als, which are the subject of one of the most intense arguments ever between a regulator and privatised utility, will be unveiled next Wednesday. The final formula was originally due at the end of July hut was delayed until "mid-August". It is believed British Gas

publication would take place today, and interpreted yesterday's announcement of a final date as a further delay.

ed the regulator, Clare Spottiswoode, who returned from a fortnight's holiday on Monday, "will only put something out when she is good and ready." He cootinued: "this weekend will give us time to reflect over the proposals".

An Ofgas spokesman insist-

British Gas was yesterday playing down suggestions that a compromise was impossible. But a source said TransCo's formula review team", which has been working for months on the price controls, was preparing to go to the Monopolies

well," the source said.

would mean a reduction in its revenues of up to £850m, which

Commission. "We've done an MMC inquiry before [in 1993] and we are getting ready again. It is our understanding that Ofgas are starting to pot together their case for the MMC as

Ofgas has proposed a re-

duction in the size of TransCo's asset base from around £17bn to between £9bn and £11bn, on which it will be allowed a to earn a rate of return. The change would cut its revenues from next April by 20 per cent to 28 per ceot, equivalent to a £30 cut off the average domestic bill. British Gas has warned this

could only be achieved by cutting up to 10,000 jobs and putting service levels at risk. British Gas's deputy chairman, Philip Rogerson, had a long meeting with Ms Spottis-woode on Mooday night, but neither side is thought to have backed down on the fundamental sticking points. The meeting was understood to have been in the form of a discussion, rather than a oegotia-

tion oo any of the basic issues. Yesterday the Gas Consumers' Council urged the regulator oot to back down.

# Granada earmarks media partners for expansion

Media Editor

Granada Media Group, part of Gerry Robinson's hotels and leisure conglomerate, has earmarked as many as six US jointventure partners to co-develop television programmes for sale around the world, as a step towards expanding its interna-tional media business.

The company is also in talks with at least two UK cable operators - Nynex CahleComms and Telewest Communications - about developing "City TV" cable channels in Manchester and Liverpool

The oews emerged yesterday as the group, headed by Duncan Lewis, the former boss of telephone group Mercury, uoveiled an across-the board management restructuring aimed at streamlining operations in the UK and increasing opportunities abroad and at home. "We looked at what other global companies are doing in

years' time," Mr Lewis said.
"The new structure should strengthen our capabilities."

At the core of the restructuring is a split between broadcasting and production, aimed at giving the production side greater freedom to supply pro-grammes to other broadcasters. A new division, dubbed Granada Vision, will explore markets outside the company's core ITV businesses - London Weekend Television and Granada, the ITV franchise for the North-west.

The newly formed Granada UK Broadcasting will be headed by David Liddeiment, while Granada International Productions, which will focus oo production particularly for ITV, will be jointly run by Jules Burns and Andrea Wonfors. All three executives were previously in senior positions at Granada.

An outside appointment is to be made within a few weeks to head Granada Vision, which will also be responsible for the

vices later this year.

The restructuring is the latest in a series of moves by ITV companies to prepare for the onset of multi-channel television, and follows similar changes at Michael Green's Carlton and Lord Hollick's United News & Media, which owns the Anglia and Meridian regional ITV franchises. In his first interview since ar-

riving at Granada Media Group earlier this year, Mr Lewis stressed the changes would oot lead to job losses, and said the regional nature of the company's two franchises would not be jeopardised. "We are keeping separate production operations for both Granada and LWI" The changes suggest Grana-

da will attempt to exploit over-seas markets for its range of drama, comedy and entertainment programming. But there will be a special emphasis on local programming which could include community television group's joint veoture with channels for Manchester and



Duncan Lewis: The media group is being restructured

Liverpool, in league with local

cable operators. Mr Lewis added that Granada was still not convinced about the prospects for digital terrestrial television in the UK. "We aren't yet sure the oumbers really work," he said. Granada will support the rest of the ITV sector in taking up the Government's offer of space on the digital spectrum for the "simulcasting" of existing IIV programming.

Shares in the company have tripled in value since floating on

the stock market at 115p in

1994. Yesterday they rose a further 3p to 447p.
Earlier this year Mr Kirby

sold shares worth just over

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MAGNUS GRIMOND

BICC, the cables, construction and property group, dived into the red in the first half of 1996, hit by new restructuring charges, write-offs and further provisions at its Balfour Beatty contracting subsidiary.

The group yesterday unveiled further plans to restructure KWO, its German cable making division, just nine months after a previous widespread shake-up of the business. Another 170 jobs are to go in Germany, taking the workforce down to 670 compared with 1,250 a year ago.

Chief executive Alan Jones said the previous world-wide rationalisation programme was beginning to contribute improved results. The German cable market has, however, shown oo signs of improvement in the first half of 1996 ... and, although losses in KWO in the first half-year were much reduced, it has been occessary to give further consideration to the group's position in that market."

After the closure of an operation making electric cable for .. the construction industry, BICC's operations in Germany will in future be focused on two units making telecommunications and power utility cables. The £25m cost, of which £9m will be in cash, formed part of a £65m exceptional charge announced w yesterday. The provision, which comes after a £127m charge last year, turned profits of £60m into a loss of £2m in the six mouths to 29 June. BICC is hold

ing the interim dividend at 4p.

Despite a 5p rise in the shares to 320p yesterday, the figures disappointed some analysts, who cut full-year forecasts, Investment Column, page 18

# Former taxman makes a killing with fantasy war games

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NIGEL COPE

A former tax inspector who runs his business from a Portakahin in Nottinghamshire is proving to be one of the wioners io the cut-throat toys and hobbies industry of the 1990s.

Io a market increasingly dominated by computer games, Tom Kirby's Games Workshop is recording booming sales and profits. Operating as both a manufacturer and retailer, the company produces a range of fantasy war games based on the Warhammer theme. strategy, is selling 100,000 for September. Mr Kirby, a Yorkshireman who even ad-

While the UK and US toy markets are seeing sales volumes down by 5 per coot year-oo-year. Games Workshop yesterday reported a 47 per cent increase in profits, making £9m oo sales 40 per cent higher at

The company opened 25 new shops last year, taking the total to 118 world-wide. Its monthly magazine. White Dwarf, which gives users tips oo new game

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Updated versions of the miniature toy armies are launched regularly and shipped from the factory next to the Portakabin. Teenage boys and older geoerations rush to snap up the additions to armies with names like Orks and Goblins, Dark Elves and Imperial Guard. Devotees often play the warrior board games for days, or even weeks. A new game called Warhammer Battle is planned

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dresses City bankers wearing jeans and a T-shirt, says the suc-

cess of the company should come as no surprise. "I know we make toy soldiers but we quite definitely do not see ourselves as being in the toy thusiasts who love their hobbies. In our shops we teach people bow to play the games and how to paint the characters. It becomes an obsession. It's com-

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pletely different to buying a few toys and then chucking them

He likens Games Workshop to the hohby companies of the 1950s such as Hornby and Meccano. "Kids' teens is when they get really interested in certain things. Some stay with us for just a few years, others stay for life. We always say that our main competition is sex and drugs and rock 'n roll. People go to college and they find other things."

Games Workshop is already looking for new markets to explore. It has started an operatioo in Hong Kong and has yet to sell its games in Japan, where Mr Kirby feels they will be

The company also has operations in Europe, where sales rose by 69 per cent last year, Australia and the US. In America the company has switched to direct selling after struggling to find suitable distributors.

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SIB to seek changes at metal exchange

The Securities and Investment the majority of trades take Board, the City regulator, will today recommend changes in trading practices at the London Metal Exchange in the wake of the Sumitomo copper scandal.

The SIB review began after it emerged in June that Japan's Sumitomo Corporation had run up losses of £1.8bn (£1.2bn) in unauthorised copper deals. Sumitomo, which is one of the world's largest copper dealers, hlamed its chief trader, Yasuo Hamanaka, who was promptly

place. The SIB review covers metals and associated derivatives traded both on the LME and . over the counter.

The SIB's investigation into Sumitomo and the LME was conducted in tandem with the Serious Fraud Office and the Commodity Futures Trading . Commission of the US. Last week the SFO raided the English homes of two directors of Winchester Commodities, a metal trader.

Sumitomo expects that its own investigation will be comper trading on the LME, where pleted within six months:

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Cir Stanley Kaims, chairman of Dixons, has Salways been a husinessman who speaks his mind. Yesterday he was at it on three fronts, fulminating against Tony Blair and Brussels in the Daily Mail, and castigating Cadbury-style corporate governance in his annual report. The three things might to most of us seem largely unrelated, but for Sir Stanley they plainly carry a common theme. He hates regulation in all its various guises. To him all three seem to stand for the same thing binding business and management within a highly restrictive framework of rules, reg-

a figury restrictive framework of fules, reg-ulations and practices, Sir Stanley is unimpressed by New Labour. He thinks that fundamentally the party hasn't changed at all and he believes Mr Blair's commitment to a minimum wage and the Social Chapter poses a serious threat to business. Likewise, he doesn't believe in Cadbury and Greenbury, or as he put it in the Dixons annual report, "management by prescription". Sir Stanley doesn't speak for all businessmen, naturally, hut his views are representative of a fair number. Business is still highly suspicious of Labour, as is the City too. The old mistrust hasn't gooe and as we approach the election, it will increase.

But Sir Stanley, though he makes good points, is wrong about the perils of regulation. Free markets don't work without rules and regulations to curb abuse. To that must also be added that market economics will be seen to have failed without some form of safety net to catch the socially disadvantaged. | until some time in the oext millenium.

Britain's opt-out from the Social Chapter and its refusal to impose a minimum wage gives some ousinesses in Britain a very significant competitive advantage over those in countries that have taken these things on board. If Sir Stanley really believes that Europe is for long going to allow Britain to have all the benefits of the EU without having to abide by any of its social disciplines, en he is being naive

The same is true of the capital markets where Sir Stanley seems to want the advantages without conforming to any of the rules. There is a lot wrong with Cadbury and Greenbury, but warts and all, they are an honest attempt to deal with past abuse, an attempt to safeguard legitimate shareholder and public interest. They are not attempts to manage by prescription, and Sir Stanley knows it. But then if you are paying yourself close on a million a year, you've got to find some way of diverting attention from it, haven't yoo?

#### A long and difficult road ahead of BMW

A polying German accounting rules to the profit and loss account of any British company tends to have an unpleasant effect on the bottom line. But that alone is oot enough to explain why BMW does not now expect a positive contribution from Rover

Indeed, one of the enduring mysteries of it trailing in the wake of even the much-1994 was why on earth BMW thought it maligned Renault. worth paying British Aerospace £800m to take Rover off its hands. The markel was hardly at a peak - unlike five years earlier when Ford paid the outrageous sum of £1.6bn to acquire Jaguar - and there was not exactly a queue of buyers lining up outside BAc's door. in truth, Rover was barely profitable and then only because of the performance of the Land Rover-Range Rover business which masked heavy losses in Rover's

Dixons chairman tries to divert the attention

main car division. At the time, however, Bernd Pieschetsrieder, the BMW chairman, preferred to speak mistily of resurrecting the Riley and Wolsley marques while Rover executives confidently predicted that there would be no loss of indectity on the grounds that "when you have a fine claret and a fine burgundy you do not mix them in the same glass".

Well, it has taken a little over two years for the party to end, the hangover to set in and BMW to reach for the Alka Seltzer. After leaving Rover largely to its own devices, the Germans are, like a rash, suddenly all over Longbridge and Cowley. It is easy to see why if you subscribe to the view of John Lawson at Salomon Brothers. He says Rover has some of the worst production economics of any European car maker. a range which is ageing more quickly than most of its counterparts and a model

replacement programme which could soak up £3bn in the next six years and still leave

While the analysis might be extreme, at least some of it must reflect the concerns being aired in Munich. Rover's production lines may be flexible. But to be making only 10 models yet using eight different platforms, when VW will be turning out seven times as many cars on half the number of platforms has to be the economics of the madhouse.

It has taken Ford seven years and some fearful accummulated losses to begin making headway at Jaguar, BMW looks to be at the start of an equally long and difficult road. Mr Lawson says it will depress its share price by 15 per cent for the forseeable future. One thing is certain, the pain will be felt as much in the Midlands as Munich.

#### Selling British Energy at any price

Another day, another minor humiliation for what looks, mercifully, like being the last big privatisation for the forsecable future. Tucked away in the prospectus for the British Energy flotation is a fascinating lit-tle paragraph which just about sums up the lengths to which ministers were prepared to go to get this one away.

We will not bore you with the legalese, nor the casual hutchery done to the English lan- 12.3 per cent stake it is still left holding in guage in its drafting. Suffice it to say that this . British Energy even after doing everything paragraph gave the international managers; it could think to offload the stock.

syndicating the offer carte blanche to sell the shares to pretty much anyone they could find provided they were prepared to underwrite those hids and huy back the shares should they be sold within three months.

Now it is normal practice in privatisations for the Government and its advisers to ensure that the institutional book is of the highest quality. The last thing they want is investors of dubious pedigree shorting the offer or unloading stock in the immediate aftermarket. Indeed the sanction usually handied around is to threaten to exclude any institution engaging in such behaviour from future privatisations.

In the case of British Energy, the Government and BZW were clearly concerned less about the provenance of the hidders and more about the colour of their money. Not that Cazenove or Capels would put fast money into the stock, you understand. But what about the other members of the syndicate? Sitting in Whitehall it is impossible to yet the credentials of every investor in southern Italy.

We are assured that the proportion of shares subject to this unusual underwriting arrangement was "not significant". But the arrangment still speaks volumes for the conduct of the sale as a whole. Perhaps it is just as well that the Treasury has nothing left in the cupboard to sell. Except of course the

Economy: Rise in average earnings sparks fears of renewed inflation

# Sharp fall in jobless rate signals pick-up in growth

**CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent** 

Unemployment fell by a much bigger margin than expected last month, providing a boost for the Government and another sign that underlying economie growth may be picking up. But economists feared that

upward revisions to average earnings figures were an indication of inflationary pressures in the pipeline, reducing the chances of further cuts in in-

The Governor of the Bank of

England, Eddie George,

stepped up his opposition to further interest rate cuts when

he met Kenneth Clarke, the

Chancellor, last month, writes

Minotes of the meeting,

published yesterday, the first

since June's quarter-point rate

reduction, revealed that the

Governor advised "strongly

against any further interest

rate cut on the basis of the

the base rate cut, to 5.75 per

ent, there had been nothing in

He told Mr Clarke that since

level since March 1991. The consensus forecast by City economists had been for a drop of around 14,000. The Office of National Statistics also said June's fall in unemployment at

16,000 was larger than the pre-

vious estimate of 14,300. The unemployment rate last month was 7.6 per cent, though the male rate, at 10.3 per cent, compared with a rate for women of just 4.3 per cent. Government statisticians said July's fall, the largest since March, was

the economic figures to alter the

Bank's view that rates should

have remained at their previous

In reality, Mr George ex-

lained, the reduction might

have made matters worse, by

He said: "Last month's cut in

interest rates would, in itself,

have increased the risk to the in

flation target. To that extent it

may have brought forward the

need to rise."

time when interest rates will

In response, Mr Clarke, with

masterly understatement, ad-

putting the Government's in-flation target at risk.

around 15,000. Figures for unfilled vacancies

at job centres were also buoyant, rising by 11,500 to 230,300. the highest number since January 1989. Kevin Darlington, UK econ-

omist at stockbrokers Hoare Govett, said: "Unemployment continues to trickle down faster than anticipated. These figures give the distinct sense that be-hind the scenes the economy is more buoyant than perhaps other statistics are suggesting." The seasonally adjusted job-less total dropped by 24,100 in trend, with reductions in the tary of the TUC, pointed to re-

he claimed there had been no

a tougher approach by the

Bank. Ciaran Barr from

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell,

said: "Eddle is clearly saying that Ken Clarke will be taking

a real chance if he tries to cut

rates again. He will lose all cred-

ibility with the markets."

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cent survey evidence showing a fall in the number of people employed. "The fall in claimant unemployment is welcome, but is not a reliable guide to what is really happening in the labour market. There is still no sign that the economy is generating more

The number of people out of work and claiming benefit in July fell in every region, though there were signs that the gap be-tween north and south was opening up again. The higgest reduction was in the South-east, where the rate stood at 7.1 per cent. The lowest unemployment rate was in East Anglia, at 5.8 per cent, while in the North the jobless total stood at George steps up opposition to cut North the job 9.7 per cent.

mitted that he and the Goverthe Government in the average nor were "still slightly apart on carnings figures. The surprise fall reported in imderlying avthe decision to cut rates". But crage carnings growth in May, difference of opinion in last from 3.75 per cent to 3.5 per month's meeting about the need to maintain rates at their cent, had been revised back upwards in the statistics published vesterday. The new estimate for May was 3.75 per cent, with the Economists interpreted the minutes as further evidence of same figure for June.

Economists differed over the significance of the revision. Ciaran Barr, from Deutsche Mor-gan Grenfell, said: "By the end of next year 1 think you will see inflationary pressures really building up. Average earnings could rise as fast as 5 per cent."



TOM STEVENSON

Munich Re. the world's largest reinsurance group, said yesterday it planned to acquire the third-ranked US reinsurer American Re for \$3.3bn, boosting the German group's share of the lucrative US market.

The Munich-based insurance giant said its \$65-per-share offer had the backing of the US firm's directors and its 64 per cent owner, investment firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts. The takeover should be complete by

#### Munich Re in \$3bn bid for US insurer

the year-end, it added. US anthorities and minority shareholders have yet to approve the deal which Munich Re said was hammered out "in a matter of weeks". The offer price represents an 11 per cent premium to American's price before the announcement. The move would triple Mu-

insurance market. It comes amid growing demand for firms that offer reinsurance - the way insurers protect themselves from exposure to risk from pol-

nich Re's reinsurance business

in the US, the world's higgest

Analysts welcomed the acquisition as a long-term strate-

gic move but were concerned at the seemingly high price being

paid.
"It's a pretty full price when earnings are approaching a cyclical peak. It also ignores any goodwill or amortisation." said Tom Bennett, analyst at Paribas Capital Markets.

Munich Re shares declined DM47.5 to DM3.535 on the

It said that its latest acquisition would increase premium income from reinsurance to DM22.5bn (£9.8bn) and over-

#### IN BRIEF

present evidence".

Chris Godsmark.

• City Centre Restaurants, the Deep Pan Pizza to Garfunkels group, closed op lower at 117p after announcing profits for the six months to June only 2.4 per cent higher at £6.41m. Refurbishment costs knocked £870,000 off operating profits which were otherwise 13.5 per cent better than a year previously. James Naylor, chief executive, said that the second half year had started well.

 Conrad Rithlat, the property group which acquired Erdman Lewis in January, enjoyed a 47 per cent increase in fee income in the year to May. Profits rose 53 per cent to £2.07m before exceptionals. John Ritblat, chairman, said: "We are now poised to take advantage of a marketplace which now looks healther than it has for several years." Dividend rose 10 per cent to 6.325p.

• Independent Insurance, the property, marine and motor insurer, reported a 12 per cent rise in premium revenues from £207m to £232.7m in the six mooths to June. Chief executive Michael Bright said he was delighted by this performance in spite of continuing connectition in the 17K insurance market. Prestay professions are presented in the 17K insurance market. tinuing competition in the UK insurance market. Pre-tax profits excluding investment gains rose 15 per cent to £16.7m while the dividend increased by the same margin to 5.3p (4.6p).

 Long Term Credit Bank of Japan has been fined \$1m by US federal and state regulators. It is believed to be one of the largest ever imposed in New York banking history" said the state bankint department, which said that iy had discovered "numerous and pasive internal control weaknesses and violations of banking law and regulations" relating to securities trading.

• The Bank of England welcomed a detailed report from the European Monetary Institute (EMI) on plans for a cross-border payment system for the single currency from 1999. The report describes the proposed Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer system, otherwise known as Target. This "should assist banks to prepare for a single currency whether the UK is in or out," the Bank said.

 Hoechst pre-tax profits rose 103 per cent in the first half of 1996, mainly due to the sales of two subsidiaries. Hoechst reported a first-half pre-tax profit of DM2.1hn (£917m), which included DM1.8bn from the sale of its stakes in SGL Carbon, a carbon and graphite manufacturer and Uhde, a plant construction company. Sales fell 1 per cent, to DM26.1bn, which the company attributed mainly to the rise in the dollar against the mark.

 Novo Nordisk, the Danish drugs and biotechnology group, posted better than expected interim profits, boosted by solid sales increases and an improved product mix in core health care and encreases and an improved product this in core health care and enzyme operations. Net profit rose by 16 per cent to 873m crowns (£98,45m) while sales were 2 per cent higher at 7,05bn crowns.

• Lourho said that it may seek to revive the merger of its platinum interests with Impala Platinum if the European Commis-Sion reverses its velo of the deal on anti-competitive grounds. Impala has appealed against the decision, but Lourho has not joined the process. It says that talks with Brussels on European platinum sales should be conducted by the world's two largest platinum sales should be conducted by the world's two largest platinum producers. Anglo American and Gencor, which owns a majority stake in *Impala Platinum*.

#### Gehe set to renew bid for Lloyds Chemists

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Gehe, the German pharma-ceutical wholesaler, yesterday gave the firmest indication yet that it was ready to renew its bid for Lloyds Chemists. The group and rival bidders UniChem were last month given qualified approval by the British competition authorities to go ahead with their offers, subject to the sale of most of Lloyds' whole-

Sale depots.

Speaking in London yesterday, Karl-Gerhard Eick, Gehe's finance director, said: "We are trying to fulfil the remedies demanded by the Department of Trade and Industry in order to come up with the next bid. We hope this can happen faster than the deadline of 18 October. It is not only in our hands, but also those of the OFT"

Gehe must satisfy the Office of Fair Trading that it has reached heads of agreement to

Mr Eick said a "fair number" of potential buyers had come forward, most of them existing drug wholesalers in the UK.

But he warned that both the requirement to sell the opera-tions and Lloyds' recent profit warning would affect the value of the business. "It is strange if you have to sell a business and find buyers for a business you really don't know.

We have not had time to do due diligence." The seven warehouses had a turnover of between £130m and £140m, on which a cormal margin of around 2 per cent was expected, he said. That implies the husinesses could be valued at anywhere from £20m to over £40m to Gehe, Mr Eick suggested, although he stressed that, given their poor recent performance, the operations would be sold for much less. Other sources have

suggested they may fetch less than £5m sell seven of Lloyds' 10 ware-houses by the October deadline. Lloyds that second-half profits in the six months to June.

rounding the hid "has to have an influence on the question of valuation", Mr Eick said, although he added that it was "not a logical consequence that that changes the bid price". Much would depend on the attitude of UniChem.

UniChem hinted strongly yesterday that it was ready to renew its hid at close to the original price. It said that, after two years of scrutiny, Lloyds' strategic value to the group remained the same. "We had always taken the view that we would have had to make disposals of wholesale depots and we factored this into our original thinking." The group is thought to have

had around 25 expressions of interest for the six warehouses it is being forced to sell by the DTl. Gebe revealed that AAH, its British wholesale and retail operation with which Lloyds would be merged, had lifted operating profits by 48 per cent to £24.5m

#### Mortage costs at 20-year low

able than at any time in almost wenty years, a report for the

TSB bank claimed yesterday. Buyers throughout Britain typically spend £25.40 every month on a mortgage out of every £100 they take home, ac-cording to the TSB's Afford-ability Index.

That figure is based on data for the second quarter of the year, and compares with £30.90 for the corresponding threemonth period last year, representing a drop of 18 per cent. TSB, which believes homes

Homes are now more afford- have not been so affordable since 1978, reckons the cost of near future."

servicing a mortgage will fall lo its lowest level by Christmas when homeowners will spend an estimated £25,20 on their loans. But a probable 1 per cent interest rate increase and gradually rising house prices could see that figure rise to £29.10 by the end of next year.

TSB's mortgage marketing manager Steve Lowe said: "This is excellent news for would-be housebuyers planning to move in the next few months. And it could even act as a trigger for those

people considering a move in the

John Stewart, an independent housing analyst who compiles the TSB Index, said: "The comhination of April's tax cuts, lower mortgage rates and faster average earnings growth have helped improve affordability over the past few months. These factors have been more than enough to outweigh the negative impact of a slight increase

in house prices. "And we're likely to enjoy the benefits in terms of affordability until at least the end of the year."

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#### SBC hails 'excellent' Warburg first half

**JOHN WILLCOCK** 

Swiss Bank Corporation claimed yesterday that the inegration of British investment bank SG Warburg had been suceessfully completed, as the Swiss group unveiled first-half earnings up 34 per cent due to higher commission and trading

SBC refused to supply separate figures for Warburg, which it bought in the spring of last year. While integration of the securities operations has gone well, many of Warburg's leading corporate finance people have left, and some corporate clients have also defected.

"It's been difficult for some people to reconcile themselves to the fact that UK corporate advice and finance, while important, isn't so important if you look at SBC as a whole," said one source. Analysts say that SBC took an aggressive line to

the integration. SBC chief financial officer Peter Wuffli said Warburg's first-half performance was 'excellent". He said that the British merchant bank had met the goals set at the time of the acquisition, although these were not specified vesterday. The smallest of Switzerland's

hig three banks said net profit rose to SFr722m (£388m), at the lower end of estimates, from SFr540m last time. Last week Union Bank of

Switzerland - the country's biggest bank - posted a 33 per cent net profit increase for a period that analysts have called the most turbulent six months in Swiss banking history.

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# BICC is still turning that corner

The switch-back share price of BICC over the past five years reflects the number of times hopes have been dashed that the cables and construction group might at last have turned the corner. Optimism is now riding on prospects that Alan Jones of Westland, who arrived as chief executive last year, is at last sorting things out. The latest interim figures suggest the group's recovery has a long way to go, despite the enthusiasm of the market in pushing the shares 5p higher to 320p yesterday

Profits hefore exceptional items edged up £3m to £63m in the six months to June, leaving underlying earnings per share fractionally higher at 6.6p (6.5p). The real disappointment lay in a further swathe of exceptional items and provisions after last year's whacking £127m write-off, which looked like a kitchen sink job at the time. BICC is taking a further £65m of exceptional charges, of which the German cables husiness accounts for £25m and most of the remainder relates to a belated act of realism about the development site in London's Spi-

talfields, cutting its value to just £30m. To be fair, Mr Jones hinted strongly at the time of the full-year results in February that Germany would require further action in view of deteriorating market conditions in the wake of a price war there. Following the decision to get out of cable for the building industry, the knife is being taken to the retained high-voltage power cable operation. That should boost margins and there is welcome news that the market is showing signs of stabilising after the recent action to reduce capacity by the big players, which as well as BICC include Alcatel and Siemens.

There is scope for optimism that Mr Jones can deliver on his aim to raise return on capital in cables to 20 per cent. Action taken so far was predominantly responsible for lifting profits from BICC Cables, which groups operations in Europe, the Middle ast and Asia, from £37m to £51m. Meanwhile, the consolidation and refocusing of the North American business saw underlying profits rise from fom to £8m, when stock gains and losses are ignored,

More of a question mark hangs over BICC's ability to revitalise Balfour Beatty in the forecast 18 months. Stripping out a maiden contribution of around £9m from three British Rail track maintenance operations acquired in April, there was a loss in the region of £8m in the half-year, Success in winning private finance initiative projects and management changes will not be sufficient in themselves to do the trick while markets remain so difficult

**GRAND PRIX** '96 RACE SCHEDULE **Belgian GP** August 25 **Italian GP** 

September 8

October 13

Teams

Portuguese GP September 22 Japanese GP

Overall Top

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Fifty teams are in

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with 518 points

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1 Sherbie's Stars

1 Gordy's GTs

1 Dan's Reckless

1 The Pilkington

1 Catch Me Out

1 French Flyers

1 The Dare Devils

1 Dream Machines

1 They Think It's All

1 Kwest International

1 Bisland's Bangers

1 I'm Alright Jacques

1 Southern Sharks 3

1 The Tiger Hobbes

1 They Who Dare

1 Charlie's Choice

Ward's Wonders

1 Red Rose Racing

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BICC: AT A GLANCE

Market value: £1.34bn, share price 320p

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Share price

cumstances remain against him. Pre-exceptional profits of £134m this year would put the shares on a forward multiple of 20, which is pretty demanding.

#### Glynwed rescued by acquisition

Thank goodness for Victaulic, the plastic pipes and fittings group that Glynwed acquired a year ago for £150m. Without its £8.3m contribution in the half year to June, the Aga stove to metal processing group's interim figures would have looked even more disappointing.

Victaulic's profits limited the damage at the pre-tax profits line to a 3.1 per cent decline from £41.5m to £40.2m but there was a price to pay. Earnings per share, the more important measure of course, emerged 17 per cent lower at 10.99p (13.23p) as the profits were spread more thinly over an enlarged

The problem with Glynwed is that despite its best efforts it remains wed-

Trading record

Turnover (£bn)

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Earnings per share (pence)

Dividends per share (pence)

Operating profit

Mr Jones is doing a decent job, but cir- ded to the UK and German economies and especially their consumer and construction industries. The Victaulic acquisition added a slug of less cyclical utility pipework but the group is more dependent than it might admit on a

marked upturn in the general economy. It is also a victim of, and unable to control, the volatile metals price cycle. The price of stainless steel last month dipped below the previous low for the metal struck in January 1994. Aluminium has also been on a downward trend for more than a year. That led to a 6 per cent reduction in turnover from the division and a halving in profits to

That took the shine off Pipe Sytems, which benefited from the inclusion of Victaulic to see sales rise 84 per cent to £182.5m and profits up a handy 49 per cent to £15.8m. It is now second only in profit terms to the metal processing arm, which chipped in a broadly unchanged £17.1m as the mix of business

changed to higher-margin steel work.

The last of Glynwed's four divisions (down from six as part of an ongoing attempt to refocus the group into growth areas) was a curate's egg. While

- Half year -

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drainage systems, covers and gratings, especially in Germany, was weak.
Full year forecasts emerged from yesterday's quite heavy downgrades at about £85m this year and £95m next. The recovery will come eventually, but in the meantime a prospective price/earnings multiple of 14, at 332p, falling to 12 is high enough.

#### MAID is worth waiting for

MAID has always been the ultimate jam tomorrow stock, investing heavily for a pay-off later. Now, just as the supplier of on-line information and research looks to be fulfilling its promise, there is talk of takeover. Potential predators include Reuters and Reed-Elsevier, though any takeover would need to be agreed by founder Dan Wagner and the other directors, who control around 40 per cent of the shares between them.

MAID has a highly regarded product but is a relatively small player in a market being scrapped over by giants. Ri-vals include Reuters, Dow Jones, Reed Elsevier's Lexis-Nexis and Knight Rid-der's Dialog, to name a few. These companies have deep pockets but their systems lack some of the refinements of MAID's higher-price service which sup-plies business information such as newspaper cuttings and market research to its subscribers. MAID has a head start, the challenge is to make that count.

The crock of gold is the huge US mar-ket, which is where MAID is investing heavily. It was largely expansion across the Atlantic that caused it to slip to a pre-tax loss of £1.9m in the second quar-ter compared to profits of £197,000 in the same period last year.

MAID oow has 11 US offices, of which seven have opened this year.

Some 1,200 new corporate subscribers were signed up in the second half, of which two-thirds came on stream in the second quarter, more than forecast.

MAID has already signed partnerships with manufacturers like IBM and service providers such as CompuServe. Other deals are likely with cable and telephone companies or even manu-facturers of hand-held computers such as Psion. Internet growth will also help. Losses of £5m are predicted this year

before bouncing back to profits of £15m the year after. The shares finished 3p higher at 271p yesterday, capping a good, if volatile, run since flotation at the beginning of 1994. If you can stand the ups and downs, hold on.

# Swiss banking culture affects Warburg's results

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK



Hans de Gier: Results at SBC Warburg have been downsized

of financial reporting by inster, now it was in Pimlico, a vestment banks is going into reverse, with less and less bedifferent phone district. In vain did the BCC protest that Pimlico is itself in year SBC's executive chair-Westminster. Now har's how to keep customers happy. Gier, will be denying it owns

A colleague has just received Everyone knows what a mess the British phone system has an exciting hrochure inviting him to "the global business event of the century," a semi-uar featuring Tom "Peter Principle" Peters, Dr Stephen got into over the spiralling number of phone numbers required. One suggestion has been to give everyone their own portable number which "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" Covey and Peter they can take with them "Fifth Discipline" Senge, three of the biggest selling iness authors ever,

At the back of the four-

**Grand Prix Shopping List** 

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page brochure it transpires

The British Chambers of This sounds great, thought Commerce, no less, expected my colleague. An opportunito be able to do just this ty to meet these prophets face to face and discuss ideas when it moved its headquarters recently just 400 yards with them. Uotil he read the down Victoria Street in small print: "A world-wide in-London to new offices. teractive satellite seminar...

Granada recently unveiled proposals for n series of new tele-

vision programmes, including one oo cooking. Not to be ont-done. Carlton then trumpeted its own cooking programmes to be hosted by well-known telly chefs. Granada has hit back, saying: "It's a useful thing to own Forte, which employs Nico

Analysts take notice. Obviously there were synergies be-

tween Granada and Forte, after all. Hang ou. Granada also

owns Little Chef and Happy Eater. "And now, a new series oo

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It is as if the whole history

that in order to enjoy this event, beamed to 40 nations and 30,000 people, you will have to attend the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham. The three gurus will be beamed by satellite from Lexington, Keotucky, to

discuss "how to make your team UNSTOPPABLE!" Prices start at £233.83 per# erson. I think I'll borrow the books from the library.

Peter Jarvis, group chief executive of Whitbread, must be pleased as punch. His Mackeson Stout has just won gold medals at the World Beer Cup and the World Beer Championships.

So forget Atlanta, The 200ear-old recipe, brewed in Samlesbury, Lancashire, has succeeded where so many athletes failed, and has just been launched in the US.

In contrast to the mighty Guinness, Mackeson tastes quite sweet, which Mike Morris, Whitbread's export director, thinks is an advantage: "Sweet drinks are popular in a number of diverse countries and Mackeson provides a very full flavour which is enjoyed around the world." Make mme a pint.

## The latest scores and results

O Damon Hill was denied maximum points again because of yet another dodgy start, while his Williams teammate, Jacques Villeneuve, recorded his third victory of the season.

While it was a good weekend for those patriotic Dream Team managers who have backed the constructors' champions Williams-Renault, British drivers fared less well. David Coulthard parked his McLaren early following an engine seizure after Martin Brundle was the first to retire when he ran wide on lap six, and Johnny Herbert saw his promis-ing weekend come to an end when his Sauber's Ford V10 engine gave out. Northern Ireland's Eddie Irvine found the

difficulties at Ferrari continue when the old gearbox failure problem returned to haunt him. His team-mate, the defending champion Michael Schumacher, also failed to get in the points yet again when he ground to a halt on the 71st lap. The Prancing Horse stable promised much at the start of the season, and any Dream Team managers relying on them for chassis or engine points will be looking en-viously at their colleagues who stuck with the tried and tested options of Williams and

Benetton. Another podium finish for one of last season's Ferrari drivers, Jean Alesi, will have pleased his supporters, while Mika Hakkinen, plensed his supporters, white value of the Olivier Panis and Rubens Barrichello also picked up valuable points.



Jacques Villeneuve (far right) celebrates his victory in Hungary

Despite losing 10 seconds on his final stop while in the lead, Jacques Villeneuve managed to exit the pits still ahead of his Williams team-mate, Damon Hill, pipping him to the chequered flag by less than a second.

It is sometimes hard to remember that this is the 25-year-old Canadian's first year in Formula One, and despite his lack of familiarity with the Hungaroring, he drove a measured and impressive race. With no team orders at Williams this season, Hill must surely feel Villeneuve's hot breath on his neek as only 17 points separate the two, with 40 still on offer.



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# market report/shares

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Airtours

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Banks, Retail

Airtours in holiday mood as demand outstrips supply Airtners, the holidays group, is one stock market constituent tion we are in now." enjoying the hazy, lazy days of summer. Its shares climbed 18p to a 586p peak in often busy trading as it cheekily under-829.9m shares lined its recovery from last year's setback when, with too 28,169 bargains few holiday makers chasing too

many holidays, profits slumped nearly £17m in £59.1m. Like so many package tour operators it booked too many holidays and the industry was littered with a million unsold packages. This year the highly hyped package tours business cut capacity with Airtours stripping its programme by up to 15 per cent.

The policy has paid nff. With demand more in line with capacity the group has been able to cash in by lifting the price of its remaining summer holidays by up to £30. Said marketing director Richard Carrick: "We warned that there would be a shortage of

There has been gathering evidence that Airtours had assimilated the lessons of last year's unhappiness. Profits for the three months to end-June were up 47 per cent and City expectations for the year end-ing next month have been lifted to around £80m with £100m pencilled in for next year.

Following a link early this year Airtours is takeover-proof unless its new US partner. Carnival Cruise Corporation, agrees to any deal. Carnival paid 500p a share for a 30 per cent stake in the UK's secondlargest tour operator. There has been talk of a full merger with Carnival particularly interested in Airtour's fledgling cruise operations.

Airtours remains acquisitive and has just paid nearly £10m for a Canadian travel firm. Two years ago it launched an abortive bid for First



MARKET REPORT

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Choice, the third-ranking holiday group. It was frustrated by German-owned Thomas Cook and the UBS fund managea further move towards its

Although there is little chance Airtours will return to First Choice, summer-time takeover rumours are buzzing around. A Canadian group is favourite to pounce. Despite the crescendo of speculation First Choice, the old Owners Abroad, managed just a 2p gain to 67p against a 92p year's

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of an investment presentation to institutions, slipped 3p to 455p. Cookson, off 7p at 250p. continued its bid to assume leadership of the conglomer-

In an active media sector Pearson gained 7p to 675p with break-up valuations exciting in-terest and on the banking pitch merchant bank Singer & Friedlander added 3.5p to 119.5p despite denying reports managed a modest 2.5p re-

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it had put itself up for sale. cash-rich mail order and high street retailing group, added top to 631p. It is something of Schroders had the dubious distinction of reclaiming the a sleeping giant. But the pend-ing arrival as chairman of Lord hanking takeover prize; its ordinary shares rose 20p to 1.348p and the non-voting 40p placing Lord Wolfson of

to 1,040p.
BICC, the cable and construction group, gained 5p tn 320p with a confident trading statement reducing the im-

pact of the surprise interim lnss. RTZ managed a 16p advance to 955p on the firmer copper price.

J Sainsbury shaded to 404p

as NatWest described the shares as a trading sell; British Biotech lost 3p to 201p (after 192p) still reflecting the Credit Lyonnais Laing caution.

Builder Bellway celebrated

its inclusion in the FT-SE 250 index with a 12p gain to 319p. In a dull electricity sector East Midlands Electricity reflected fading bid hopes, down 10p to 579p but National Grid

covery to 167.5p. Barbican Healthcare, the latest AIM recruit, stretched to 68p from its 62p placing level. Capital & Western Estates, suspended at 2.5p, is under-taking two reverse deals. It is buying Global Internet for £6.2m in a share offer and in

Share Price Data

interests include leisure, property and rugby, bas emerged as a 13 per cent sharebolder in London & Edinburgh Publishing which should arrive on AIM today. The group produces commemorative books and brochures. The issue has been scaled down but there are hopes L&E could achieve a premium of, say, 3p to the 10p placing price.

TAKING STOCK

☐ Nigel Wray, , the

The company comes with a £400,000 profit forecast for this year and intends to pay a 0.25p dividend. Mr Wray's nther publishing interests include Columbus, a business directory group which came in market via a reverse

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# Clarke's recovery has all the signs of old-fashioned boom

conomists have a strong herd instinct, and nooe more so than economic forecasters. Their desire to stay close to their fellows far outweighs their memory of the recent past.

It is easy to spot this tendency by looking down the list of forecasts published each month by the Treasury. The consensus prediction for 1997 is a 3.2 per cent increase in GDP. Only three out of 44 growth forecasts lie more than 0.5 percentage points away from 3.2 per cent in either direction and only eight are more than 0.3 points away.

Yet there is an increasingly strong case that the UK ecocomy is heading for something that looks a lot more like a good old-fashioned boom than a steady, sustainable recovery - and not even a mini-boom hut a maxi-boom. The two hrave souls who have predictions of 4 per cent growth and above in 1997 - Tim Congdon at Lombard Street Re-search and Paul Turnbull at Merrill Lynch - are looking increasingly pre-scieot. Unlike most of the others, they have remembered the rule that the economy is oever as well behaved as the forecasts.

For proof that booms always come as a surprise, there is oo oeed to look any further hack than 1994. In January of that year the coosensus forecast was that the economy would expand by 2.5 per cent, driven by consumer spending and investment. All agreed it would be a better year than 1993. As it turned

ECONOMIC VIEW DIANE COYLE

took place in 1988, of course. The Treasury had one of the highest growth forecasts for the year, at 3 per cent. The actual outturn was a 5 per cent leap in GDP. (The fact that the Treasury team had done better than most other ecocomists did little to preserve it from criticism of its forecasting record, just as the fact that the Bank of England's record on forecasting inflation has been slightly better than average is currently not deflecting the myth that it is unduly

Take macro-economic policy first. Base rates fell 3 percentage points from their peak in 1962-63, 2.5 points in 1971-72, 2 points in 1985-86.

This time around they have fallen only 1 point from their peak in the preceding 12-18 months.

On the other hand, the Government's tax and spending policy is far more relaxed. The budget deficit ranged between 1.6 and 5.8 per cent of GDP during the Barber boom, and 1.1 and 2.8 per cent under Mr Lawson, as he then was. Mr Clarke's

#### It is a fair bet a chunk of the windfall cash will show up in consumer spending

compared the 1990s with the Mandling boom in the 1960s, the Barber boom in the 1970s and the Lawson boom in the 1980s.

charts - make quite a compelling case for suspecting that the Clarke boom is in the making. The common threads are loose monetary and fis-

Economist David Mackie at City deficits have run at 5.1 per cent of investment bank JP Morgan has GDP in 1995 and a probable 4.5 per cent this year and 4 per cent next

The external environment matawson boom in the 1980s.

The parallels – hinted at by the in the early 1960s and early 70s. In the mid-1980s export markets were more subdued but a fall in the pound hefore Britain joined the exchange rate mechanism improved competitiveness. There is no question but that exports have weakened

However, there is an equivalent move now with the conversion of many of the building societies into banks. Not only will they have more freedom over their loans policy, it is putting £16bn (at Mr Mackie's latest estimate) directly into the hands of consumers. This will take the form of shares but will be easily saleable. If only half of it is spent, it will add nearly 2 per cent to con-sumer spending.

Some commentators have argued that the money - along with maturing Tessas and the interest on them - will not be spent because people treat wealth windfalls differently from income windfalls. There is something in this, but many also regard spending mooey on consumer durables as different

significantly along with the slow-down in key markets such as Germany. But most forecasters expect them to pick up next year. The consensus has export growth rising from 4.5 per cent this year to 5.6 per

On the face of it there is little comparison with the financial deregulation that took place during the earlier episodes. Hire purchase restrictions were lifted in the early Sixties, boosting sales of consumer durables. This was when many households got their televisions and vacuum cleaners. The next decade brought the end of direct controls on hank lending. In the 1980s indirect controls on lending and direct foreign exchange controls were ended, and huilding societies' lending became less restricted.

> from spending on food or clothes. It is a fair bet a chunk of the windfall money will show up in consumer spending, used to huy dishwashers.

computers and new cars.
With all the conditions in place. the evidence of an impending boom

is building up. Retail sales and consumer expenditure have started to accelerate, helped along by this year's tax cuts, the biggest one-off boost to spending power since the late 1980s. shortages. Even Britain's forlorm manufacturing sector is edging towards a recovery.

Only a few idealists believe there will be no further income tax cuts in November's Budget. Low mortgage rates have set house prices rising at an annualised rate of 10 per cent on average across the country and far more in parts of Loodon and the South-east. Unemployment con-tinues its trend decline and businesses have started to report skill

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It will oot be long before all the classic signs of economic froth such as gazumping, mini-skirts and new electronic accessories make a reSALISBURY

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Kenneth Glarke's recovery

has parallels with the

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Reginald Maudling in the

60s. Anthony Barber in the

70s, and Nigel Lawson in the

Of course, the world might be different this time around. We might be set for the "Clarke steady recovery rather than the Clarke boom". But to count oo it would be to forget British economic history - as most of the economic forecasters seem to be doing.

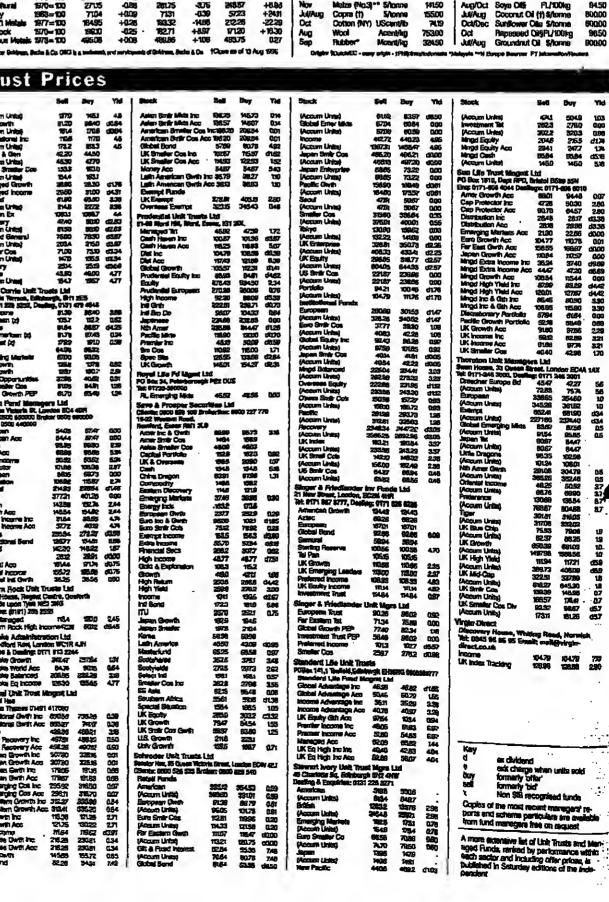
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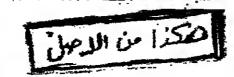
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# French prize no soft option

If the criminal profession of hurglary takes your swag bag. August can be a tricky month in Paris. You may have lo join the queue of figures weariog black and white hooped shirts which leads from the capital's swankier residences.

Paris's desertion in high summer is a predictable occurence and the moveable feast ends for many, and just about all racing aficionados, in the Normandy spa of Deauville.

Since its creation in 1864 by the Duc de Morny, Deauville's month-long race meeting has gained in prestige, and it is now the place to liberate the glad rags and give the poodle s good shampoo and blow dry.

There is something quintes-sentially French and smooth about the place. Tractors level the strand each daybreak as the horses come out to exercise, the huge, spangled casino waits to gooble up any funds that might survive the racecourse, and Omar Sharif is always around to share a hand of bridge or an aperitif at Le Drakkar. It could be, though, that the natives would trade all this rich amhi-

Richard Edmondson previews the Prix Jacques le Marois ence for a packet of soggy fish Clive is lucky to still be

and chips and a plastic policeman's helmet rather than surrender their raciog jewel, the Prix Jacques Le Marois, to the marauders from Britam.

The visitors lend to prefer this arena to a drizzly night on the all-weather and many probably spend the first days of spring singling out a horse for Desuville. Our boys are always easy to spot in Normandy by their trousers. They verge between Paul Cole (too short) and Clive Brittain (too flared).

4.45 Purple Fling

5.15 Intimation

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: R Hannon −46 winners from 327 namers gives a success ratio of 14.1% and a loss to a 5.1 level stake of 524.9C; J Denlop − 16 winners, 115 numers, 13.8%, 538.5%; Lord Hamilegdon − 15 winners, 63 runners, 23.8%, +529.24; 1 Balding − 14 winners, 114 runners, 12.7%, 548.46.

ELEADING JOCKETS: J Reid − 26 wms, 176 rides, 14.8%, -544.31; L Detiori − 25 wins, 115 rides, 21.7%, +535.71; W Carson − 22 wins, 153 rides, 14.4%, -501.76; Pat Eddery − 21 wins, 131 rides 18.6%, -525.2;

BLONGERED FIRST TIME: Brief Glimpoc (4.15), Conspicuous (visored, 3.45), WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN BAYS; None,
LONG-ORTANCE RUNNERS: Newmarkst-tailed numbers seen 151 miles.

2.15 BROAD CHALKE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I) £4,400 added 3YO 7f Penalty Value £3,288

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BETTING: 5-2 Summer Beestly, 11-4 High Cat, 6-1 Zurs, 8-1 Midday Cowboy, Stackatlack, 9-1 Red-skin Lady, 12-1 Rowy, Press On Micky, 14-1 offices. 1995: Polar Queen 3 8 11 G Hind 5-1 U Gosden) 13 tan

ZURS is the interesting runner in this opener – the coft having been anowed to Goy Kolleway after a debut not at Newbury in May for Jamie Toller. From a good family and related to wanness, Zurs might just be ready for this after a pleasing showing in a hot race won by Keltol from Gold Spats. There is Normmerket confidence in Summer Beauty, who led to this trip when fifth to Yalta at Sandown on her debut. The dam won over this trip and the stable won the race less year. Runny has shown promise on all three starts over today's trip and her refered to the trip and the stable won the race losts beginer after the stable's rare juvenile debut winner Mutandar here yeterably high cut has had her problems with a year between her two starts. Thought good enough to make her debut at York (second to Tropical Dance), she was then poorly drawn when second to Sandhill at Haydock. Whether she's good enough today after the three-month absence remoins to be seen.

LONG-OISTANCE RUNNERS: Newmarket-trained numbers sent 151 mile

around as he produced the greatest insult a Frenchman can receive - the sort of action that gets you run out of town by a gang carrying torches - when he had the nerve to win the Group One race with Sayyedati three years ago. The mare was perilously close in the subsequent two runnings, finishing runner-up on each occasion, but Clive has had enough of getting his pants singed and declines to have a representative in this af-

ternoon's running. DEAUVILLE 3.05 PRIX JACQUES LE MAROIS (Group 1) 1m (Straight)
Penalty value £131,752 

BETTING: 2-1 Charmood Forest, 5-2 Sensetion, 9-2 Sphuning World, 11-2 Shaund, 10-1 in Triton, 12-1 Gothenberg, 14-1 Vethend, 16-1 Zarannda, 20-1 Grey Risk

Britain's hopes in the mile race lie with Charnwood Forest (if you are happy to accept that a Dubian owner and trainer, plus an Italian jockey makes him British) and Gothenberg, who does not sound particularly Anglo-Saxon either. Lanfranco Dettori, who got

his domestic score rolling again after injury at Salisbury yesterday, partners Charnwood Forest for the first time and seems to have a tough job ahead of him. The ground is described as being on the soft side and if it got any worse the Godolphin runner might just travel for the duty-frees. Gothenberg, on the other hand, is happiest when wading. However, the colt who will be managed by Mark Johnston and Jason Weaver may be

found wanting for quality.

The favourites to keep the prize at home are Sensation. Spinning World and Shaanxi. The first-named will be ridden by Michael Kinane, who could probably get himself on the favourite in the Pamplona bull run, while Spinning World will

be joined by Cash Asmussen. Victory for Spinning World would probably be the most satisfying for the romanticists as he is sent forth by the Niarchos Family. The Family is now without its godfather, as Stavros Niarchos, the Greek shipping magnate who won three of the previous five runnings, is no

longer with us.
Shaanxi is owned by Teruya
Yoshida, who rather likes to
hear post-race debriefings in his mother Japanese tongue. Yoshida is well-known as an employer of Yutaka Take, whose effigy is still punctured at Peter Chapple-Hyam's yard, but here he relies on a different countryman, Masavoshi Ebina. Ebina is closing in on 500 win-

ners and bows to only two other riders in eastern Japan. The 27-year-old has again collected hig races this year, without resorting to any sort of roughness. He is a dual winner of the Fair Play Trophy for the jockey who incurs least peculties during the season. Fair play, for the French this afternoon, will be leaving the Prix Jacques le

## Dettori criticised over 'tender ride' on Pigeon self returned from injury last Friday, rejected Gadsden's

Eric Gadsden, the owner of Cape Pigeon, yesterday heavily criticised Frankie Dettori's performance on his horse when t finished third at Windsor on Monday. The winner of the race was Talahath - Walter Swinburn's comeback ride. Dettori took the 11-year-old

to the front from the start of the Royal Bank of Scotland Handicap but appeared to be easy on his mount after being headed by the winner over a furlong from the finish.

After Cape Pigeon had fin-ished third, beaten a length and a short-head, the stewards called upon Dettori to explain his actions but accepted his account that the gelding had had no more to give in the closing

Gadsden, however, is far from satisfied and has threatened to bring to an end his aclivities as an owner, Cape Pigeon's trainer Gerald Cottrell said: "Having looked at the film, I think Mr Gadsden has a point. I think he gave the horse



Dettori: trouble with owner furlongs - he didn't look hard pushed to me.

"We all have some funny ideas and can look at things through rose-tinted spectacles but he didn't seem to be making much effort. To put it mildly, he gave it a tender ride, and you wouldn't know the old horse has had a race. The owner is most disgruntled and up-set, and you can see his point."

Jibereen - marking the return from serious injury of Declan Murphy – in a Flat versus jump jockeys' challenge at Chepstow. Murphy was allowed to dictate the pace from the start of the seven-furlong race aod was never challenged, landing some substantial bets in the process.

comments, saving: "I explained

it to the stewards and they ac-

cepted my explanation, so he

had better read the report. If I

did anything wrong, I went too

fast throughout the first part of

time that a "dream comeback"

has been marred by controver-

sy. Last October the Jockey

Chub looked into the victory of

The incident is not the first

the race.

Having investigated the mat-ter, the Club decided that no breach of the rules had been committed and took no further action. And vesterday its press officer John Maxse ruled out further scrutiny of the Windsor race by the disciplinary com-

#### SALISBURY

perimpiog, mini-skirts and new Ofenuoe, the world might be dif-2.15 Stackattack (nb) 2.45 Mancini rest this time around We might 3.15 Dom Ruinart 5.15 LILLI CLAIRE (nap) GOING: Good to Form.

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STALLE: 6t & Im - for side; 7t - centre; 1m-it - stands' side; remainder - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5t.

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Reservourse is 5m south-west of city off A3034. Salishury railway station (London, Waterloo-Exeter line) is 3m away. Counsering bits service to course. ADMISSION: Members &12; Talterssills 58; Course Enclosure \$4 (accompanied under-16s free all enclosures).

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2.45 VIOLET APPLIN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 6f Penalty Value £3,158

- 6 declared -BETING: 5-2 Minnison, 3-1 Norsong, 4-1 Storing Follow, 11-2 Crested Knight, 8-1 Supreme Stor

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FORM GUIDE

STERLING FELLOW gets the trop so has every chance with only one below him at the weights. He seemed to need every yard of Lingfield's two miles to beat influence Pedler last morth and then came across Cesarewitch hope Old School House at Bath. The drop in distance is a slight worth, but he hance is still bright at the weights, Supreme Star and Wothanblambles mide the frame behind easy winner Disputed Call in this last year and are unlikely to do much better today. Norshoog has it to prove in the staying department, but has an obvious chance on recent form after beaming all except Supermick at Epoom (Lim4f). The step up in distance should suit Milmilitains, a modest sort until his Followitine win from Secred Mirror when tred in blinkers, He ran from the front when a creditable last of five in Two Socks at Lingfield atterwants and he's now back with his winning partner Tim Sprake, Manchall had been in some strong mose over a mile prior to a strying-on run behind Newport Knight at Windsor (Lim 30, 8 he stays he'll take some beating in such a week race, while the maden Created Knight has also contested stronger races this season.

Selection: STERLING FELLOW

3.15 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN ALICTION STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO of Penalty Value £3,262 JF Epper 12 GIFT TOKEN (Mrs O Elis) Major O Chappel 7 12 \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_W Carson 10

- 23 notatest -BETING: 4-1 Calebrart, 9-2 Scarlet Consenst, 5-1 Hallmark, 11-2 Dom Releast, 16-1 Salty Jack, Dizzy Tilly, 12-1 Circle of Magic, 14-1 others. FORM GUIDE .

Mukaddar was a newcomer winner from stall one here yesterdey and DOM RUBNART is tak-en to follow sult from the outside both. Pat Eddery takes a rare ade for John HRS and the coll, whose holf-brother Al Abraq won as a Jovenid, best been pleeding on the globps. It is succeresting that Dane O'Nell sides Halkmark (unplaced to the West at Goodwood) instead of Celebrard, who ran so well first time against Carati at Nottingtiern, Halkmark is in a weaker race today and the Nottingham race also featured a pleasing effort from Scientet Crea-cent in third. This Midyan fifty will again be ridden by Tim Sprake with every chance of reversing the form with Celebrant. Circle Of Magic and newcorner Gift Tokana are others worth a look

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HETTINE: 11-4 Shiesemb, 8-1 Almost Rock, 7-3 Lift Claim, 15-2 Catch The Lights, 8-1 Victorian Style, 10-1 From de Cool, 11-1 Complement, 12-1 Price Pupil, 14-1 others.

1995; From de Cool 4 8 12 T Quan 9-2 (R Alekter) 8 par

PORM CURDE

Not only did SALEEMAN will doing hand stands at Langfield 19 days ago she clocked by easily the fastest time of the meeting. John Dunkop held har in high esteem at the beginning of the season end the Storm Bed sky looks good for the hat make the present good heart. Flora de Cool gave a pound and a length beating to Almond Rook in the last year. He now gets 18th from Lannes Firmshawe's mily and is the one to beat after he fourn to Automa Cover at the tag Goodwood meeting (Cowaneobe Companion in the nucl.). Almond Rook hash's nur since April and may find that ground too lively, but Compulsore has been nursing with credit in the top handcaps and today's first-brie visor could give ham an extre edge. Victorian Style wasn't up to the task at Goodwood when favouris and everyth to Paneta with Carbot The Lights four lengths behind her in ninth, Both had shown proposed form beforehand, though at these weights a case can be made for Little Carbot, who travers Casta the Lights better after beating her when second to Meanoble at Goodwood in Line, Pat Eddery has a good record for Chis Wall and Prize Pupit ween't far behind Corepctuous in Salection: SALEEMAH

## 4.15 WHITCHURCH CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,850 added 7f Penalty Value £5,112

TING: 1.4 When't King, 6-1 Rossien Music, 6-1 Burdsching, 7-1 Lonely Leader, 25-2 Polskx, 10-

l Tris, Remats, 14-1 others. 1995: Hinghi Commander 3 B 12 M Roberts 100-30 (R Harmon) 6 ran nta, 14-1 oth

FORM GUIDE

LONELY LEADER returned home a sick horse after his debut thant to Heron Island at Doncester tast year. He reappeared to win in time style at Chepstow and is a cott to follow - first dam Queen To Conquer being a winner and thant to Godeha in the firsh Oaks. There are some talerand soms at opposition, but they are unlikely to get much better whereas Lonely, Leader has any amount of improvement to come. Warnet Ring is back in the sering after training away from Chiclawicka at Chester and this upgraded top-class handcapper must go well with the stable in such fine from, Russiano Music has been numming over a mile against the improvement. Short of from when making his children of the his Constraint. progressive Hammerstein. Short of room when making his challenge at the big Godwood meeting, he was a creditable second to Michael Stouze's charge. Potation could be anything on her belated return after waxing the Blue Scal at Ascot in Sectember. Brief Glampia. also unplaced in the Goodwood race, is in fast-time blinkers. Selections LDNELY LEADER 1995: Poar Queen 3 8 11 6 Hint 5-1 U Gosten) 13cm

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	4.45 FRESHWATER HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 6f Penal- ty Value £4,159
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	7 100-263 PURPLE PLINT (38) (D) (Smon Moureey) 1 G Cotteer 5 9 10
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= 20 metable - 1. Neusharpa, 15-2 in Potic Pison, 8-1 Puple Fileg, Wisseum Wooster, 8-1 Publi Files, 10-2 Cross of Valour, 11-1 Denails, White Saties, 12-2 Aronis, 14-1 others, 1995, Lim Commission 5-9 11 M Robetts 14-1 (D Executiv 12 ran

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A tricky spant with plenty of the numers having been over longer trips of late. In the orcumstances, a could pay to sule with the pacey MASTER MBLLFELD, who should be at decent oots raving through a blank since a Bath was last September. He will have the speed to lay up with the pace and he faded only in the closing stages over a mile at Both a week ago. He will straper for thist ouring and Ray Cochrane is a good booking. Whenever Wholester is a mare in form so ness a by threat. She led a fluring out to be to Zelda Zork three lengths on this Dourse last time with Manabarpa (third) lacking the necessary pace. This race is a furlong shorter and Wassonic Wooster can beat the younger filly again on 250 worse terms. Pointer has win here have not not a the stended five furlongs would have been too sharp for him at Bath last time. He won for Armee Cook here previously and the form is rock-sold with the second Robellon winning his next two starts. White Settler is another in-form performer who has been over longer tops. He ran up against the well-handicapped and progressive Sylvari Princess here (three last time and had previously beaten a big field of Chepstow 17th off a 6th lower mark. Cross Of Valour, a half-brother to decent sprinter by Point, win a poor race over this tip at Fighestone. He never showed belied Green Barnets at Goodwood (7th, but this spirit pooks more his mark even with the big weight. Le Petitie Frusee may find this a bit hot after winning a condonne race at Chepstow. The two-length time, Purple Filling, gets a 4th pull, while Thordis stoyed on well in fourth and also meets the winner 4th better. Peter it Black is not for one after his runs over a mile, but Azveh is a distanct possibility on her maked spowings. She has the fair rail to run against and can easily be considered at the weights. Dewellow the form.

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GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 6f & 7f 100yds.

Right-hand, galloping course with very still 6f.

Course is a nule west of the town on A1035. Bus service from Beverley station (Hull - Scarborough line) 2m. ADMISSION: Cub \$12;
Junor Cub (10 to 21-year-olds) 58; Tattersalls \$8; Silver Ring \$3; Course Enclosure \$1; Pienic area \$20 or \$20 per car, plus \$20 per occupant. CAR

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None. WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Euro Sceptic (3.301 won WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: Butto expect (2.00) sent 337 miles from a Thirgk last Monday.

LONG RISTANCE BUNNERS: Aero King (3.00) sent 337 miles from G Harwood 's Pulhorough stable in west Susser; Dota Doe (2.00) sent 121 miles from J & Bradley a Sedbury stable in Gwent; Polly Peculiar (3.90) sent 199 miles from B Susart's Lambourn stable in Berkshre; Poly Moon (4.30) sent 190 miles from M Channon's Upper Lambourn stable in Berkshre; Derling Clever (3.00) & Pun (4.30) sent 137 miles from 0 Mortey's Newmarket stable in Suffolk; Slancasters (2.30) sent

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#### RACING RESULTS

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16-1; 2. Isitoff 7-1; 3. General Glow 4-7
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£92.96. NR: Palcon's Flame.
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R fav. 2. Stories to Tell 5-4 jr fav. 3. Maradi 5-1. \$ ran. 2. 8. (M. Stoute, Newmerket).
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CSF: £3.34.
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20-1; 2. Embryonic 6-1; 3. Great Oration

S.00: 1. RUSHEN RADDR II. Crast Oration 20-1; 2. Embryonic 6-1; 3. Genet Oration 20-1; 2. Embryonic 6-1; 3. If Hogs. 8-1. 9 ran. 5-2 tav the Sect. 24, 3. If Hogs. Isle Of Maril. Tete: £14,00; £2,00, £2,20, £2,10, . Dr. £41,30. CSF: £122,14. Tricsst: £959,00. Trio: £66,10. Place@ort.£32,60. Quadpot: £53,70. Place &: £417,84. Place S: £182,04.



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2. Inclination 25-1; 3. Salphare 14-1, 11.
ren. 14. 14. (R Harmon, East Everleigh, Totac 12-90; £1-40, £5.10, £3.80, DF: £193-90.
CSF: £45.92. Troc £172.30; £106.83 carped forward to Salesbury 4.45 today.
2.15: 1. MIKKDDAR (R Cochrane) 20-1;
2. Polish Warrior 9-2; 3. Streen Power 9-4
fav. 14 ras. 2, 134. (C Benstead, Epsom).
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£59.30. CSF: £114.35. Troc £88.70.
2.45: 1. BOWDEN ROSE (J Quarr) 9-1;
2. Amazing Bay 7-2; 3. My Melody Parkens
5-2 pr fav. 8 ras. 5-2 pf as Burty Boo [40].
J., nk. (M Barnshard, Upper Lambourn). Totac
£10.00; £2.80, £2.40. DF: £13.50. CSF:
£37.88.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Polar Refrain (Yarmouth 8.05) **NB: Spinning Mouse** (Yarmouth 5.35)

3.15: 1. ASHEY HILL (R Cochrane) 11-2 20-1. 15 rea. Nit. Y. (R Howe, Storngton).

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ACCOUNT TO THE HYPERION 5.35 Spinning Mouse 6.05 Blatant Outburst 6.35

b 7.05 Irish Fiction 7.35 Kahir Almaydan 8.05 Polar Refrain GOING: Good to Firm. GOING: Good to Fram.
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5.35 24th RUNNING OF THE BOTTON BROTH-ERS HANDICAP (LADIES RACE) (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m of 17yds

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6.05 DAMGATE LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 2f 21yds 4422 BLATRIE OUTBURST (26) (BF) G Bravery 6.9 3 

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7.05 SIDEGATE PEUGEOT MOTORS NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,750 added 2YO

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7.35 GREAT YARMOUTH STEEL CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,650 added 6f

8.05 WILLIAM YOUNGER EAST ANGLIA FILLES HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 7f 35-2 DWHE QUEST (12) H Cool 39 10 Pot Edday 8 

#### NEWTON ABBOT

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(6.30) sent 157 miles from TR Greathend's Chopping Norton sta-5.50 JERZEES AMATEURS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 6) £2,450 added 2m 1f 

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BETTING: 5-4 Jentroph, 6-4 Diss Up Scotty, 50-1 SR Of A Touch Plumpton yesterday became the latest jumps track to suffer from a poor entry for an early-season meeting. Only 32 horses were put in the six races on next Mooday's card, with five of the events reopened until tomorrow after attracting fewer than eight entries. Tuesday's Southwell meeting suffered a similar fate, with all six races reopened and an eventual total of just 31 6.50 Massion impossible novice chase runners. Jam not surprised to the meeting last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, "said David Williams, club section last year," said David Williams, club section last year, which will be settled to the said year. retary for Phimpton's managers Pratt & Co. But it is disappointing. The ground is better than last year - it is good to firm, firm in places. This is the last year we are racing in August because it happens every year and it is pointless carrying on with 20-odd runners, which is no good to anyone."

COUNTDOWN TO THE NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Trevor Francis is back at the place where his illustrious career started, aiming to put Birmingham City book and the place where his illustrious career started, aiming to put Birmingham City book are at 100 per care at to put Birmingham City back among the élite. Phil Shaw talked to him and, below, considers the prospects for each division



# 'Boy Wonder' craves a return to realism

There are three people with whom Trevor Francis will inevitably be compared in his new incarnation as manager of Birmingham City. One is his pre-decessor, Barry Fry. Another is Brian Little, his counterpart at neighbouring Aston Villa. The third? Trevor Francis.

Birmingham supporters over 30 go misty-eyed at the memory of the 16-year-old Francis, locks flapping on his shoul-ders, dispatching his fourth goal past the Bolton keeper. The "Boy Wonder" went on to amass 133 and represent Eng-land before leaving for Not-tingham Forest. His brilliance burned ever more brightly in Blues folklore during the ensuing dark decade.

After an odyssey that also took him to Manchester, Genoa, Glasgow and beyond, Francis has finally come bome. The hair is thinner and greying, befitting a man approaching 43, and be hung up his boots after playing at the highest level un-til his 40th year. For many of the faithful, however, the appointment heralded a return to the days when he ran fast and free.

St Andrew's, which be recalls beaving with 52,000 people, is largely unrecognisable from the grim, graffiti-spattered fortress be left in 1979. The Small Heath skyline is now dominated by a stadium resembling a scaled-down Old Trafford in blue and white.

To perform in this shrine of the times, Francis, the game's original £1m man, recently lavished Birmingham's first seven-figure sum on Chelsea's Paul Furlong. Bankrolling the long-overdue rebirth of the Blues is David Sullivan, the Essex-based entrepreneur who bought the ailing club

Bruce, Barry Horne, Gary Ablett and Mike Newell and it adds up to a feverish sense of anticipation as Birmingham prepare for their opening First Division fixture, at home to Crystal Palace on Sunday. But is it reasonable to expect Francis to recreate the impact he made as a player?

"No, it isn't," he said, plain speaking as planes roared over the training ground like a full house at the Maracana. "What I would say is that when I was last here I helped the club up from

the then Second

remembered a "a bas-been". Yet

Division. That's last season so my aim again There were inthere's a lot vitations, in the pre-Sullivan era, of work needed to come back as player-manager to make the top three' not to risk being

after a year out of the game, during which be nn him has been intensified, if proved himself a perceptive anonly in the media's eyes, by Litalyst with Sky, the opportunity Fry was boist by his own PR.

The previous incumbent had a fetish for mid-price forwards. Many of those who passed through the revolving door shared his Barnet background. Francis prefers Premiership pedigree. He intends to prune, but said: "I'm all for using squads - you have to nowadays - but certainly you need a bit more stability.

His first phinge landed the defender who led Manchester United to three championships. "When you sign Steve Bruce you

Throw in the arrival of Steve best captain in the country. How can you put a price on his leadership qualities? It also helped to get other players in." For all the owner's fan-like

impatience, Francis plays down suggestions that he has two years to deliver promotion. "Nn target's been set," he said. "We're like Wolves in that there's great expectancy, but let's be realistic. We came 15th last season so there's a tot of work needed to make the top three." It is safe, though, to assume

that consolidation is not on the agenda. The assessment of per-We came 15th sonnel, tactics and Francis and his assistant, Mick Mills, has been

condensed even thing you've never got in management is time you're always fighting it."

tle's success at Villa. They once faced each other in a Youth Cup derby that drew 40,000 to two games. Today, talk of friendly rivalry draws a wry smile from

"It used to be Barry Fry and Ron Atkinson in the city," he mused. "Now you've got complete opposites in Brian and myself; quiet, private people. He's a friend and he's done an unbelievable job. But we can be as big as them. Villa will always have the tradition, and they've got more support outside the city.

least their equals. When the club

there if the product was right," As Blues lurched between the middle divisions, Francis was

years ago, the potential never changed. The crowds were

pavie

cutting his manngerial teeth in controversial fashion. At Queen's Park Rangers, he fined Martin Allen for attending the birth of his first child rather than

play in a match.

I was accused of being too tough. The week before I was supposed to be too soft. I just did my nwn thing and tried not to pay too much attention to what people said. A big prob-lem is that people don't know me because I'm a private person. So they start inventing

and assuming things.
"I look back on the Martin Allen episode as very unfortu-nate. Whatever I do in my managerial career, people will always bring that up." In the interests of balance, it should be stressed that Francis' record at Sheffield Wednesday bodes better for Birmingham: third place in the top flight, two Wembley finals and two seventh places before a slump and the parting of ways.

One wag at a Fans' Forum asked how he would react if Sullivan's managing director, Karren Brady, went into labour. Would ber husband, Paul Peschisolido, be excused? Francis saw the joke, but intriguingly the Canadian striker was soon

Cynics saw his exit as Francis laying down the boundaries over which Brady, with whom he enjoys "an excellent relationship", must not stray. Likewise his insistence on reversing the closure nf Birmingham's youth scheme, and the restoration of basic press facilities. But the real power struggle, starting this weekend, is for a place in the Premiership.

# Kinkladze and Sinclair hold keys to promotion

The megabucks may be in the Premiership but the presence of clair, Terry Venables and Steve Bruce means the First Division lack of quality in depth, it also promises the fiercest competi-

tion in all four sections. Going into the final third of last season a handful of points separated the sides in play-off contention from those fighting relegation. If standards are even however, resources are nnt, although those with no benefac-

promotion of Derby and Sunderland, canny spenders both. Leicester's instant return to the land of milk and maney, al-

lied to Crystal Palace's near is hardly bereft of bankable miss, also indicates that clubs To counterbalance a dropping from the Premiership retain a critical edge. Manchester City and Queen's Park Rangers have (so far) resisted overtures for Kinkladze and Sinclair. If they stay - which will depend on a positive start - both

should be near the summit. Bolton's prospects look less bright, especially since Sasa Curcie has now signed for Aston Villa. Their fullowers, like prove that it is not simply a mat-player-assistant manager, and

City's, will have noted Bruce Rioch's availability with interest. Buying experience for the short-term objective of getting up is a blueprint established by Leeds and Blackburn, who duly dispensed with the likes of Vinnie Jones and David Speedie once up. Birmingham may not expect more than a season or two from Steve Bruce, but he

£775,000 alongside the £1.5m

should be bugely influential.

Alan Sbearer's best foil, Mike

Newell, could be a snip at

ter of throwing money at the market Mark McGhee's honcymoon with a restless support will be over if his surprisingly low-key close-season recruits -Keith Curle and Iwan Roberts to partner Dean Richards and Steve Bull in the spine of the

team - do oot produce results. Sheffield United's revival provided pleasing confirmation of Howard Kendail's rehabili-Paul Furlong. tation and of boardroom am-Wolves' woes last winter bition. Nigel Spackman, as

the higher reaches.

he instilled during their spring not forthcoming. surge. Much depends on finding someone good enough to fill Nigel Martyn's gloves - the Si-mon Tracey deal floundered yesterday-and on Ray Houghton's enduring relish for the fray.

Norwich with Mike Walker restored, should be thereabouts if not quite there. Spencer Prior's

the Belarus striker Peter seed as a continuation of Robert ruthless to rest on the laurels of Kachuro are the major additions. Chase's selling policy if it means. Kachuro are the major additions Chase's selling policy if it means to a squad already equipped for holding on to Darren Eadie. The scenario at Portsmouth has As for Dave Bassett's new echoes of the hostility to Chase. charges, Palace, "all" they have and Venables may yet be temptto do is recapture the consistency ed elsewhere if fresh capital is exploits were a fine advertise-

Charlton and Huddersfield, having lost Lee Bowyer and Andy Booth, may have to settle for respectability. West Bromwich and Swindon could be better dark horses. Albion followed the cult capture of Richard Sneekes by freeing the purse strings for Alan Buckley, while Steve McMahon is too real loaves-and-fishes job.

Neighbouring Reading and Oxford may toil, along with Old-ham, Southend and the Potteries clubs. Port Vale's FA Cup ment for flair on a shoestring, but John Rudge can not defy straitened circumstances indefinitely. Lou Macari deserved an award for taking Stoke to fourth place after minimal outlay. Key players have gone, and Mike Sheron and Larus Sigurdsson could follow to ease debts, so a repeat would be a



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#### Heath's mentor becomes rival

During a brief, unproductive stint as an Aston Villa player, Adrian Heath came to admire Graham Taylor's man-management style and thoroughness. The respect survived Taylor's travails with England, and circumstances have now conspired to make them rivals for promotion.

As Burnley's player-manag-er, the 35-year-old Heath is balancing a desire to be his own man with lessons absorbed from the likes of Howard Kendall and Taylor. The latter, whn took up his first such appointment nearly 24 years ago, is back at Wat-ford as general manager, striving at 51 to recreate the rise which once made them runners-up behind Liverpoot.

Each took up his post in the middle of a relegation tussle this year. Heath won his, Burnley gaining some impressive results against the promution pack. Taylor, after taking Watford's ap-parently forlorn fight to the final fixture, ran out of time.

Heath bas since brought over Portuguese Under-21 striker, Bambo. A fee of £65,000 saw Damien Matthew swap Crystal Palace for Turf Moor, though the master stroke may bave been to persuade Vince Overson and Nigel Gleghorn to move free from Stake.

Taylar, abetted by Kenny Jackett, has added Wimbledon's Steve Talboys and the Sunderland keeper Alec Chamberlain. Perhaps more significantly, Wat-ford repelled Wolves' interest in David Connolly, the teenager whose two hat-tricks last spring led to Republic of Ireland caps. A good start and Elton John might even fund a few transfers

amid the tantrums and tiaras. be fulfilled elsewhere, bowever, Millwall also look ready to revive after relegation. Jimmy Nicholl has dispensed with his Russian misfits and spent £1.5m in the market be knows best. Steve Crawford, his chief striker at Raith, won a Scotland cap last year, while Nicholl once described the defender Davie Sin-

clair as "so hard he has tattoos

an his teeth". Barry Fry has suffered demotion too, though his knowledge of the lower divisions should be more useful to Peterborough than it was to Birmingham. The coup in acquiring Martin O'Connor from Walsall showed that Fry sees the need for quality as well as quantity. Crewe's Dario Gradi is Fry's

transfer antithesis. The home-grown potential of Gareth Whal-

ley, Mark Rivers, Francis Tierney

and Danny Murphy may have to

unless he finds a happy medium between being required watch-ing and sustaining a challenge. Of the promoted clubs, Prestan have the momentum and

money to pick up where they left off; Plymouth should flourish under Neil Warnock; and the meanest defence in history ought to sustain Gillingham. Alan Smith's Wycombe could be useful long shots, but Black-pool may need longer to recover from blowing promotion and sacking Sam Allardyce in favour

of the unproven Gary Megson. The Bristol clubs are again in transition, with Rovers moving to the city's rugby union club under Ian Holloway's player-man-agership. Mere survival would nevertheless be a disappointment. For Luton, Bury, Shrewsbury, Rotherham and York, it may the best they can hope for.

Wigan and Wembley have been virtually twinned during the Nineties, with all the kudos and cash going to the Lancashire town's rugby league giants. If Dave Whelan has his way, which he usually does, this will be the

season Wigan Athletic fight back.
Cheered on by a budding
businessman called Jack Walker, Whelan played for Blackburn in the 1960 FA Cup final – but the team lost and he broke his leg that day. He later resurfaced Wigan, supporting the 13-aside code and building up a chain of sports shops.

Happily for the round-ball minority, the multi-millionaire's interest in football was rekindled. Whelan bought the ailing Latics and, like some apprentice Uncle Jack, gave notice of his ambitions by signing three Spaniards a year ago.
Roberto Martinez, Isidro

Diaz and Jesus Seba - "Los tres Amigos" - coped well with the culture shock of cold nights at Hartlepool and Mansfield. Not well enough, though, to keep Graham Barrow in the manager's job, his autumn replacement by John Dechan revealing the

owner's restlessness for progress Wigan missed the play-offs by two points, but look equipped to make sure this time. Dechan soon recruited Kevin Sharp, an England youth contemporary of Butt, Campbell and Fowler, for £80,000 from Leeds. This summer be has added Doncaster striker Graeme Jones (£150,000) and Barnsley mid-

fielder Charlie Bishop (£40,000). Carlisle, whose title 15 months ago underlined the importance nf financial muscle, may be Wigan's chief rivals. Relegation was embarrassing after Michael Knighton's boasts of "Europe in 10 years", but Mervyn Day has added imaginatively (French defender Stephane Pounewatchy) to a squad tried and trusted at this level.

Wigan given hope by Whelan

The picture of potential Northern domination is completed by Darlington. To lose only one away game was extraordinary; oot to go up even more so. The attempt to improve at home will be undertaken without Matty Appleby, the division's best de-fender having joined Barnsley.

Money is so scarce at Hereford that mention of the market usually concerns cattle rather than players. A play-off place confirmed that Graham Tumer's coaching and organisational skills were intact after his woes at Wolves, and they should challenge again.

Despite a tight budget, relegated Swansea show signs of responding to the ideals Jan-Molby brought from Liverpool. Northampton, for whom 11th place represented genuine progress, may draw big crowds to Sixfields if they improve further, while Colchester, Chester and Scunthorpe should also be

m contention. Torquay's most important, pre-season fixture was in court, where Stevenage failed to oust the bottom club. A colourful chairman, Mike Bateson, has a new management team - in-cluding best-selling author Garry Nelson - and bas wagered £7,000 on their landing the title Hard-up Hull could be Conference-bound, with the similarly strapped Scarborough or po-tentially homeless Brighton also

candidates to replace Torquay as the League's last resort.

#### Paul on his way to Bath

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Bath are expected to announce today that they have signed Henry Paul from Wigan rugby league club on a short winter contract. The New Zealander is a centre who not only scores tries but kicks soals. He therefore oresents a threat to England's centre Jeremy Guscott, since the Bath captain, Phil de Glanville.

is hardly likely to be left out. Paul. 22 is reported to have agreed a deal with Bath worth around £100,000 for four months, the contract running from 11 September to 11 January, which coincides neatly with the proposed European Cup competition. Having committed themselves to paving something approaching £6,000 per week Both will want their money's worth, it is highly unlikely that nf New Zealand in late January.

Paul would be put on a rota. He could always turn out at full-back, but there is Jon Callard to consider. It would mean that Paul would miss out on the Pilkington Cup and the latter stages of the

Courage League programme.

But there could be a hitch. Paul, together with Valiga Tuigamala and Gary Connolly is challenging a move by the Rug-by Football League to bar their short term moves into union. Tuigamala and Connolly are set for Wasps and Harlequins respectively, but the League's chief excontive, Maurice Lindsay, has told clubs that they must seek the governing body's permission before

agreeing to cross-code transfers. However, according to Wigan, the contract has been signed. The reason for the short-term nature of the deal is because Wigan are scheduled to go on a tour

There is also every likelihood that Bath will announce the signing of a scrum-half. Having missed out on Kyran Bracken, of Saracens, and Cardiff's Robert Howley, they are thought to be interested in Argentina's Augustin Pichot, named yesterday in the Barbarians team to pky Wales in Cardiff next weekend. Olivier Roumat will become the first

Frenchman to captain the Barbarians against an international team. Mike Brewer, the former New Zealand captain, will assist coaching Ireland this season. Brewer, a member of the side beaten by South Africa in last year's World Cup final, joined the Dublin-based club Blackrock College at the end of last season Brewer. He is expected to help out this weekend at a five-day squad session in Limerick.

Barbarians team, Digest

The Leicestershire spinners Matthew Brimson and Adrian Pierson took seven wickets between them as Pakistan were powled out for 221 in the Tetlev Bitter Challenge match at Grace Road yesterday. It would have been worse for

Pakistan but for a ninth-wicket stand of 79 between Mustaq Ahmed and Ata-Ur-Rehman. Mustaq finished as top scorer with 38 and Ata hit a breezy 30 before being last man out. Brim-son claimed 4 for 39 in 21 overs and Pierson took 3 for 44 off his 20 overs. By the close, Leicestershire had replied with 28 for 1, with Jain Sutcliffe bowled by the last ball of the day, from Mohammad Akram.

Pakistan top order Only three of the six sides in contention at the top of the County Championship are in ac-

**Spinners bowl over** 

tion today. Derbyshire, who face rivals Nottinghamshire at Derby, will be without all-rounder Colin Wells, who has a back injury, and the pace bowler Andrew Harris (side-muscle strain). Kent will again be without their England all-rounder Mark

Ealham for the visit of Somerset. Ealham is still suffering from the strained rib muscle which forced him nut of the reckoning for the second Test at Headingley. Trevor Ward will continue as captain. The 23-year-old Richard

Kettleborough is to replace the departed Australian Michael Bevan in the Yorkshire side for the match at Bristol, against Hickstead Derby on four occa-

# Ledingham leads charge

Equestrianism

GENEVIEVE MURPHY

Captain John Ledingham aims to win the Silk Cut Derby for the third time in succession (and the fourth overall) when he rides Kilbaha in this annual classic at Hickstead on Sunday. The contest carries a record British first prize of £40,000, and is the climax of the four-day meeting

that starts this morning. Ledingham had intended to ride Kilbaha as part of the Irish Olympic team in Atlanta, but the gelding had a fever on the day that the horses were to fly to the United States, and he had to be left behind. Having missed the Games, the 13-year-old should strip a fresh horse for

Hickstead. Three riders have won the

sions: Harvey Smith (whose famous V-sign was made after his 1971 triumph), Ireland's Eddie Macken (who gained four wins in a row on the great Boomerang) and Michael Whitaker (who had three in succession on Monsanta).

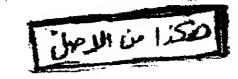
Whitaker will be the only one of the trio in possible contention for a record fifth victory. He rides two stallions, Elton and James Kernan's Touchdown, and is waiting to see bow they go. Elton was placed in three classes in Dublin last week, but Whitaker has not yet competed with Touchdown. He brought the stallion back from Dublin to ride while Kernan is

recovering from a broken arm. Nick Skelton, whose three consecutive Silk Cut Derby victories were initiated in 1987, is likely to be the home favourite. Skelton has missed the last two

derbies because he was without a suitable mount fur the Hicks stead course, but he believes? that the mare Cathleen should be a worthy ride.

"Some horses take to Hickstead, and Cathleen is one of them," Skelton said, "She's very" brave and scopey, she can jump big fences with ease and noth? ing spooks her." The mare proved that in winning the King George V Gold Cup on the Susa. sex course last month, so bas earned the chance to tackle the

ultimate Hickstead challenge. John Whitaker will be at Valkenswaard in the Netherlands, looking for even richer pickings, while the Hickstead meeting is in progress. Having won the Pulsar Grand Prix in Monterrey last year, he will care a £390,000 bonus if he wins the same contest at the Dutch



Laura Davies is renowned for

the length of ber driving but her

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chani is also gaining pace. She has replaced her BMW with a

Ferrari and yesterday she re-vealed she has clocked 181mph.

"I did it in Germany," she said.
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Ill Jack Berry has decided on a change of textics for Wind Games in the Group One Numberope Stakes at York a week today. Jockey John Gamel will revert to the front-running policy which brought the horse successive victimes in the Temple Stakes at Sandown, disching the wolfing tactics employed in defeat in the str-furing July Cup at Newmartet last time. "He was too for off the pace at Newmartet," Beary admitted. "That work, happen back over five furious at York – he will be up with them and if anything gives him a lead they will be going too fast!"

Davies speeds off in hot pursuit of British Open title time to travel in the fast lane. year, not including a hugely lu-crative performance in a skins "I'm getting on a bit for a Fer-rari but I wanted to get one game. She is back at Woburn for when I didn't lonk stupid in it. the Weetabix British Open, It's been brilliant although not like Schumacher, of course." which starts today but Davies. When she feels she has outwho likes a flutter on the dogs

chine she will probably replace it with the "bit more staid" Asherself to win this one. For one thing the field is remarkably strong including not only Europe's finest but 15 of Davies has been phenomenally successful in recent years. the leading 20 on the American winning eight events two sea-Tour. Even more significant, however, is the fact that Woburn, which seems to have to her name, Davies felt it was already has five victories this

and the horses, might have

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more trees that Yellowstone Naplaces that Davies has not burned up.

The lightness of the course acts as a brake against the power of her driving. Davies does not think she will be able to use her driver on more than half a dozen holes. Twelve months ago she was five over par after the first four holes and finished joint 45th. "I have to get off to a good start, nothing flashy, just keep the ball in play," she said. "I am much

more consistent than I used to tional Park, is one of the few be and am thinking my way around courses much better. Years ago I said that if I ever won 50 tournaments I would retire but I had only won two when I said that. That is a horrible thought isn't it- pul me teeth over here in a glass of wa-

> Although Davies is ranked one in the world on the Ping Leaderboard, she was relegated to second in the European Order of Merit and on the US LPGA Tour by the 25-year-old

Swede Annika Sorenstam, the first European to top the money lists on both sides of the Atlantic. In addition Sorenstam has won the US Open two years

"It was going to be hard to beat 1995 which was such a good year," Sorenstam said, "but so far my scoring average is low-er and I feel I am becoming a better player. I have totally worked on my game." Sorenstam, who won seven collegiate titles while at the University of Arizona, won the European Tour rookie of the year award in 1993 after finishing second in the Ford Classic at Woburn.

She was also joint second in the British Open at Woburn, behind the Australian Karrie Webb, last year. "I like the course, it feels like home," Sorenstam said. "It certainly suits my game. I like to place my tee shots with a three-wood. It is too tight to hit driver."

Webb has also made a big impact in America, earning her

tesy of her victory in the British Open. She finished second. first, second in her first three tournaments in the United States and has consolidated her form in recent weeks, "It is all beyond my wildest dreams."
she said. "Originally my goal
was to keep my card." Webb has
been so successful she has bought a house and a car in Or-lando, Florida, Yesterday she went for a spin down the M1 in a more exotic form of transport, a white-knuckled passenger in Davies's Ferrari.

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#### PARALYMPICS: British squad look to record haul of gold as Atlanta hosts another world sporting occasion

# Power and glory on the track

One gold, eight silvers, seven bronze - that was Britain's medal haul in the Olympic Games just gone. Forty golds, 47 silvers and 41 hronze – that was Britain's total in the Barcelona Paralympics four years ago, a figure they are surely destined to surpass in

Atlanta over the next 10 days. If John Major needs a sport-ing donation to the feelgood factor of his re-election campaign, he knows where to look. There are 244 athletes out there waiting to hand him the election on a golden plate, especially after a morale-building week at their training camp on a naval air station in Pensaco-

After three days of classifi-cation - checking disability categories and recharge athletes with deteriorating conditions - the good feelings start tonight in the Olympic Stadium, where Christopher Reeve, the Superman actor paralysed after a fall from his horse, takes on the job of MC for the opening ceremony. Aretha Franklin, Liza Minnelli and Carly Simon will be there. and organisers promise "people performing jumps, in wheelchairs and disabled peo-

ple flying through the air." Things have progressed since Dr Ludwig Guttmann began using sports as therapy at Stoke Mandeville for Second World War veterans with spinal-chord injuries. In 1948 he set up a competition between sports clubs and hospitals to coincide with the London Olympics, and by

1960, when the International Stoke Mandeville Games took place in that year's Olympic city. Rome, there were 400 athletes from 23 countries. Pope Paul VI called Dr Guttmann the "de

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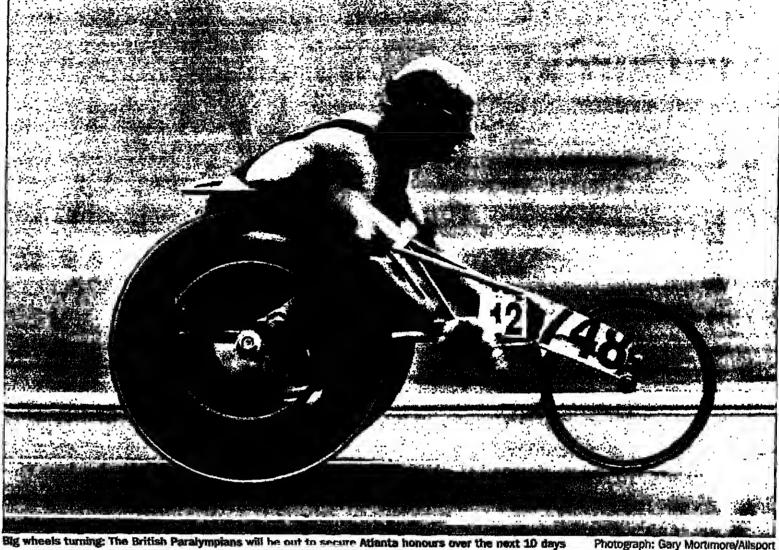
Coubertin of the paralysed."

If it still needs saying, the word "paralympics" refers to "parallel Olympics", not "paraplegic Olympics" as the broadcaster David Coleman referred. to them four years ago, although for a long time there were only wheelchair events. By Toronto in 1976, when blind and amputee events were added, there were 1,560 athletes from 40 countries, and Atlanta is playing host to 4,000 from more than 120 countries.

There is far less sense of disabled sport being on the marthan k a fine up to Barcelona, when public consciousness was first aroused. In 1980 the Olympic hosts, the Soviet Union, refused to have the Games in their country - how could they when, according to their statistics, there were no disabled people in their land. Two years ago, Arthur Tun-

stall, the then Australian vice president of the Commonwealth Games Federation, embarrassed only himself when he used the word "embarrassing" to describe the inclusion of wheelchair racing and disabled swimming and bowls in the 1994 Commonwealth Games. The outrage he provoked are no longer acceptable.

There are other positive signs: disabled athletes were re-



Mail's series of stamps to celebrate 100 years of the Olympics. In April, Nike launched a poster campaign featuring Peter Hull, the swimmer who won three golds in 1992. And the BBC is taking things more seriously. In 1992 coverage was limited to half-hour weekly round-ups; this time there are 10 half-hour

nightly slots. It is difficult not to conclude, these days, that the disabled have earned their place

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cently included on the Royal in the international sports are-noradrenaline, allowing the a way of testing for it, and soon. na. Not that that's all good. Just as sport as a whole is a mirror. of society, so necessarily is disabled sport. There is drug abuse, for example. And there is even a unique variation used by some wheelchair athletes a technique called boosting. in which they deliberately injure the already damaged parts of their bodies. The athlete feels no pain, but the body responds as if he or she did, raising the

blood pressure and releasing

The St Mirren manager, Jim Bone, re-signed last night in protest at the club's decision to dispense with the services

Heart of Midlothian have signed the for-mer Oldhorn Athletic striker Danen Beck-ford on a short-term contract and have

released Alan Lowrence, who has re-turned to Airdrie for a nominal fee.

Sky Sports will televise live Spanish League football this season, staning next

Switzerland have appointed the VfB Stuttgart coach, Rolf Fringer, a 39-year-old Austrian-born Swiss, as their national team coach in succession to Amur Jorge.

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body to do more work. Scientists are divided over whether it has an effect, but one study found a 10 per cent improve-

ment in performance. Unfortunately, it is difficult to act against as it occurs naturally in some quadraplegics and paraplegics. Tanni Grey MBE, probably Britain's best-known disabled athlete, acknowledged its existence recently, saying: "It's vitally important the authorities find

the way that anaholic steroids have in able-bodied sport."

There are other unique problems, such as the whole contentious area of classification. Like many teams, the British have spent the last three days putting in appeals over certain athletes' disability status. Fortunately, the whole operation has taken place in an unex-pected cool snap. No torture in tropical heat - so far.

There are obstacles left over, though, from the "Operation Cock-Up" that was the Olympics. When I asked Caroline

Searle, of the British Paralympic Association, if three weeks of competition had enabled the organisers to smooth out the wrinkles, her laugh had that telling gaily embittered tone. "Oh no. In fact, the problems spilled over and we spent the first two or three days running to catch up." No change there then.

#### Lendl has to start new job

lvan Lendl, twice Wimbledon runner-up and a man who won more than £13.5m in prize-money in his professional tennis career, competes in the Chemapol Czech Open in Marianske Lazne today, and says it could be the most emburrassing moment of his sporting life. Czech-born Lendl, who has

lived in Connecticut for several years and is now a United States citizen, has never played in such a big golf event before. though he has been playing on the North American Mini-Tour since reliring from tennis two years ago, Known as "Old Stoneface" on the tennis courts because he rarely showed emotion, whatever the score, Lendl, 36, says; "You must not make too much out of my game. I'm a keen golfer and I enjoy com-petitions but I am not Nick Faldo, I practise occasionally at the Leadbetter Golf Academy in Florida, and I have met Nick Faldo and tried to learn by watching him practise."

The winner of eight Grand Slam tennis tournaments is now a professional but became one in unusual fashion, "I signed a tennis contract with Mizuno, who stipulated that when I played golf I had to play with their clubs. This, in effect, made me a professional but it did not

matter to me one way or another. "Now I play in quite a few celebrity events, as well as small professional tournaments, along with other sports stars like Pete Sampras and Michael Jordan.

Lendl was asked to play in the Czech tournament by Chemapol, the sponsors, in February but took three months to accept and said he did so "with a very heavy heart". He will play the first two rounds with two Englishmen, Andrew Collison from King's Lynn and John Bickerton from Worcester. "My biggest golfing ambition is to be able to play a round without looking for a ball," said Lendl, who shot 69, two under par, and 73 in two practice rounds.

#### England's junior men are outdone by the women

England had a mixed day against Germany on the second day of the Volvo Masters Four Nations Junior Tournament in Vught yesterday, with the women winning 3-2 while the men lost their game 2-1, writes Bill Colwill from Vught, Nether-

The men, who dominated for long periods, lost their way through woeful finishing, going behind 21 minutes into the second half to a Sebastian Schmoranzer penalty corner. England were on terms within a minute, with Stuart Humphries driving through the German defence. Five minutes later, the goalkeeper Nick Taylor, who had made a number of fine saves, just failed to keep out Christian Kurtz's

penalty stroke. England's women, whose dea face had looked brittle against South Africa in the opening game despite their 8-4 victory,

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were supreme yesterday against the Germans, particularly in the second half, when their opponents mounted a series of aggressive assaults. Caroline Gilbert and the goalkeeper Katy Roberts were outstanding performers.

Early penalty-comer strikes from Melanie Clewlow sent England on their winning way with a two-goal lead after 17 minutes, and Helen Grant struck again early in the second

half.

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The St Helens prop Adam Fogerty has been cleared to play in Sunday's Super League game against Sheffield Eagles after the Rugby League's executive committee decided he had no case to answer after being placed on report during last Saturday's win in Pens. Wigan's Maran Hall and Leeds' Nick Fozzard also escaped censure after an incident in lost Friday's meeting between the two teams.

Rugby Union The Old Wesley prop Henry Hutley, a member of Ireland's 1995 World Cup squad, has agreed a one-year full-time contract with the Courage League Two club, Moseley. The 3O-year-old follows

club coach Mark Anscombe to The Red The former Wales international hooker Nigel Meek will mass the whole season after breaking a leg and dislocating an ankle in a training session with Newbridge, Meek had just returned to full fitness after a so-month spell in prison

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